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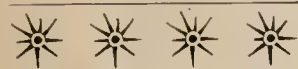


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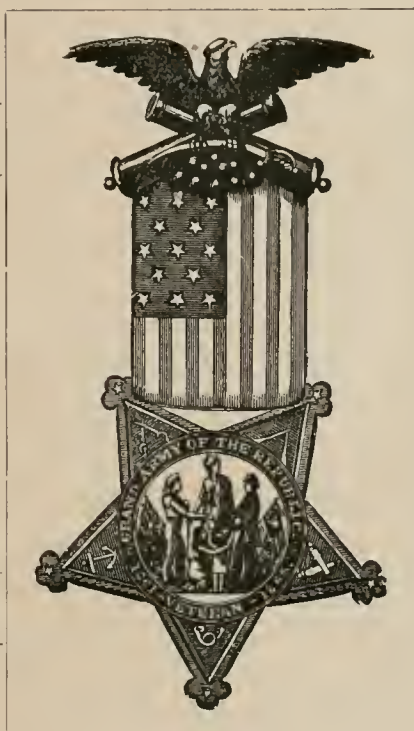
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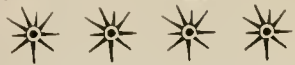
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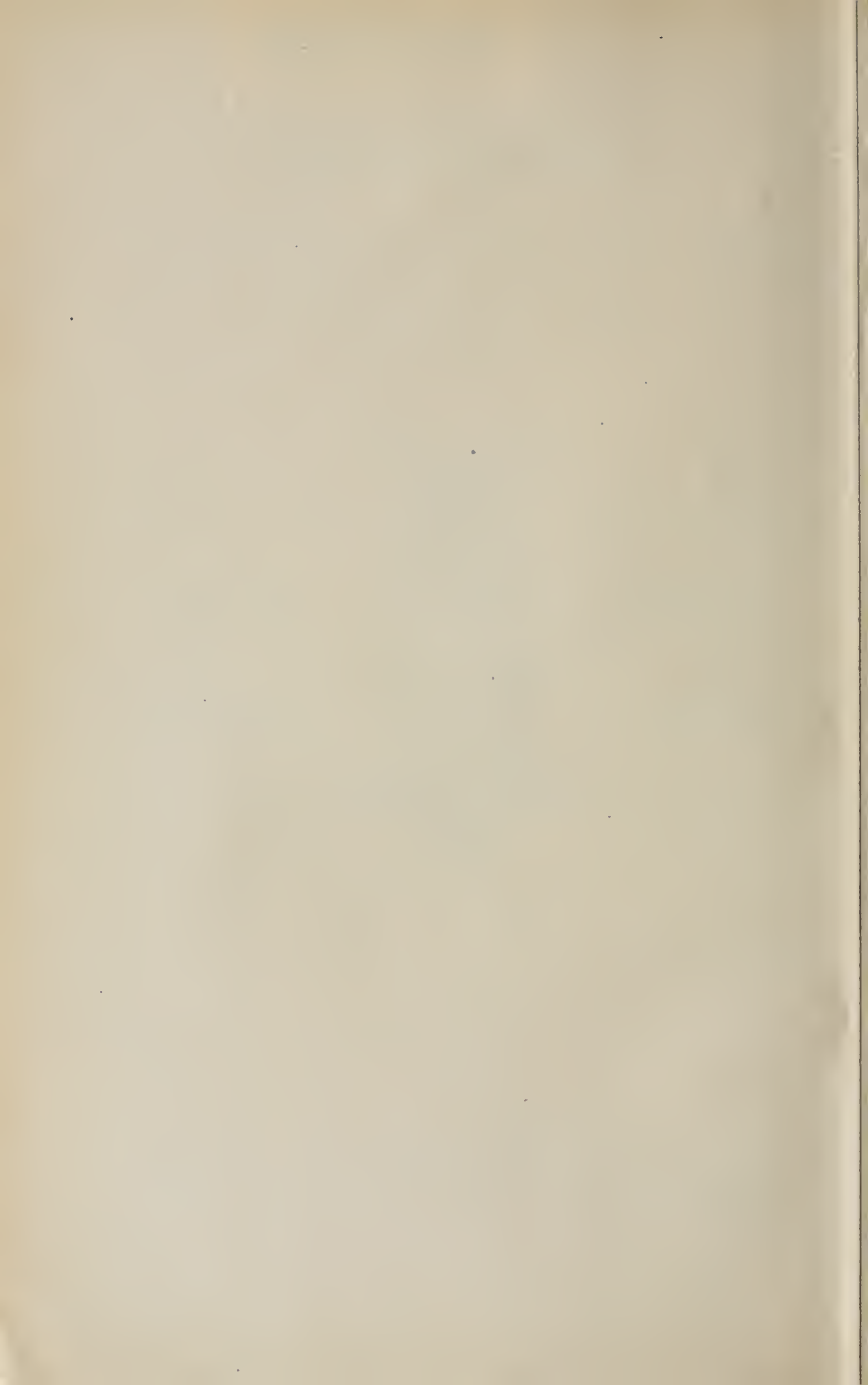


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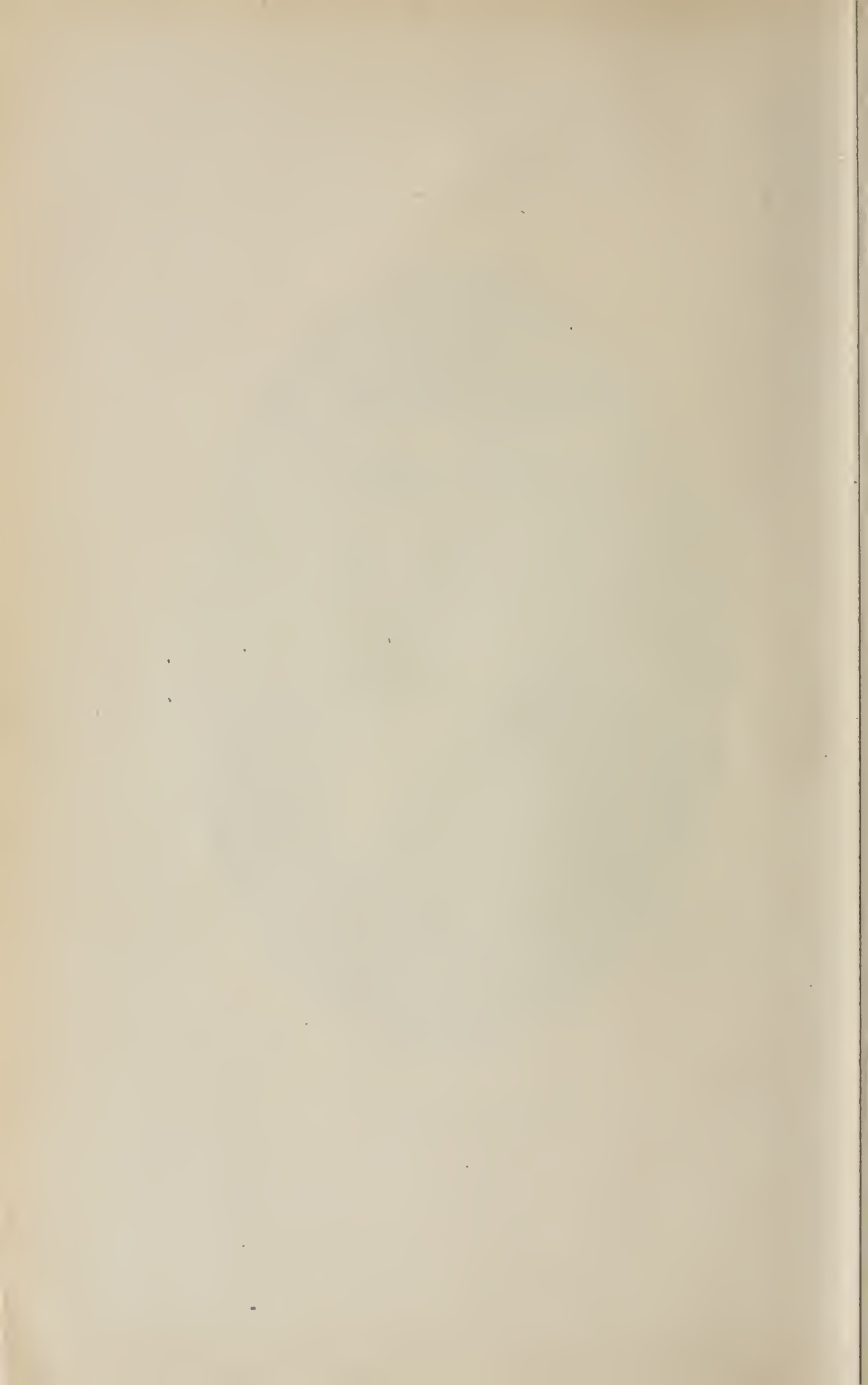


WILBUR F. SANDERS
Past Department Commander.
Died July 7th, 1905.

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Headquarters Department of Montana
Grand Army of the Republic,
Bozeman, Montana, April 12, 1906.

In compliance with General Orders No. 7, issued at Helena, February 12, 1906, by A. J. Fisk, Department Commander, the Twenty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, met in Maxwell Hall, at Bozeman, Montana, on the above date, at 10:40 o'clock A. M.

The Encampment was opened in due form by Department Commander A. J. Fisk.

The Assistant Adjutant General read General Order No. 7, issued by the Department Commander, stating the time and place of holding this Encampment.

The Committee on Credentials named in the foregoing order was submitted, and upon motion the said report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

GENERAL ANDREW J. FISK,
Department Commander G. A. R.,
City.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

The Committee on Credentials named in General Orders No. 7, under date of February 12th, 1906, respectfully report that the following officers and members are entitled to a seat as delegates and alternate delegates in this Encampment.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Department Commander.....	*Andrew J. Fisk
Senior Vice-Commander.....	*Josephus Rich
Junior Vice-Commander.....	*Thomas J. Meins
Medical Director	Levi E. Holmes
Department Chaplain	C. H. Davis

Council of Administration .	{	.....Edward C. Kinney
		.....*Jesse Lambert
		.....Otis F. Johnston
		..... Charles B. Newbury
		..... Scott Mathews
Delegate to National Encampment.....		Charles B. Newbury
Alternate to National Encampment		James M. Page
Assistant Adjutant General.....		*Frank P. Sterling
Senior Aid and Chief of Staff.....		Martin Maginnis
Assistant Quartermaster General.....		*Ed. S. Walker
Judge Advocate General.....		*Everton J. Conger
Inspector General.....		F. George Heldt
Chief Mustering Officer.....		Francis M. Malone
Patriotic Instructor.....		*A. N. Bull

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

*Charles S. Warren	Ela C. Waters
*J. G. Sanders	*Ed. F. Farris
Harry C. Kessler	John L. Sloan
Joseph O. Gregg	Robert E. Flsk
Lester S. Willson	T. C. Davidson
W. H. H. Dickinson	C. B. Miller
P. H. Manchester	*Frank P. Sterling
*A. N. Bull	*J. S. Wisner
*Henry N. Blake	

LINCOLN POST NO. 2.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*B. N. Beebe	J. D. Jenks
W. D. Rodebank	*Chas. S. Warren
J. B. Glover	J. E. Dowd
H. C. Kessler	*J. H. Jackson
P. H. Manchester	*J. B. Scott
S. H. Almon	*J. W. Masterson
J. G. Henneberry	W. H. Black (dead)
L. E. Holmes	O. L. Farnham
*R. G. Huston	Henry Kemper
*Jesse P. Stevens, Present Commander	

DELEGATES

*James Corkwell
*John Boyle
*E. H. Bruse
*J. R. McCrackin

ALTERNATES

J. W. Grant
John E. Hull
John Jelick
Peter Murphy

WADSWORTH POST NO. 3.
PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*J. G. Sanders	*S. A. Swiggett (dead)
T. H. Kleinschmidt	H. F. C. Kleinschmidt (dead)
A. P. Webster	A. R. Craig
*R. C. Wallace	George W. Shaw
Robert E. Fisk	*Ed. S. Walker
*F. P. Sterling	Charles F. Gage
*J. B. Loomis	C. B. Miller
*John A. Schmitt	J. T. Hedinger
L. D. Beary	*Robert Gruner
*A. J. Fisk, Present Commander	

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

*W. C. Lewis	Benj. Malburn
*Chas. Horn	Thos. O'Connor
D. L. Miles	E. J. F. Ehrlick
Jas. Crump	H. W. Garrett
*Eli Knob	John Morris

CUSTER POST NO. 5.
PAST POST COMMANDERS.

G. W. Rightenour	T. A. Foster
E. L. Dickinson	E. P. Day
W. A. Means	D. W. Thompson
Geo. W. Rightenour, Present Commander	

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

Albert Herman	E. L. Dickinson
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FRANK BLAIR POST NO. 6.
PAST POST COMMANDERS

*H. N. Blake	Stephen Gainan
T. P. Cox	J. B. Howe
*S. B. Page	A. E. Gloyd
H. L. Childs	
S. B. Page, Present Commander	

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

H. S. Howell	J. M. King
*E. J. Conger	A. N. Rogers

FARRAGUT POST NO. 7.
PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*W. H. Yeaton	N. Ebert
A. B. Hicks	W. P. Mulholland
Fred Wright	George T. Chambers
J. T. Lawrence	*Thomas J. Mains
P. H. Fisher (dead)	*D. V. Buchanan
*O. E. Lamphear	J. H. Newman
*G. W. Newman, Present Commander	

DELEGATES

*J. W. Krise
*James Cook
*P. H. Tooley

ALTERNATES

*J. R. King
J. M. Melton
*A. G. Beals

STEADMAN POST NO. 8.
PAST POST COMMANDERS

*Josephus Rich	Hiram Gilmore
Fred Hopp	Benjamin Bond
J. F. O'Leary, Present Commander	

DELEGATES

*T. B. Craver
*G. M. Contrell
*T. M. O'Connor, Present Commander

ALTERNATES

William Reed
James Febus

WILLIAM ENGLISH POST NO. 10.

PAST POST COMMANDERS

*Jas. M. Lindley	*D. I. Breneman
*A. N. Bull	*Ed. F. Ferris
*Geo. W. Flanders	*Henry Hellinger
L. S. Willson	*A. J. Edsall
*E. F. Campbell	*W. S. Mathews
Jos. A. McElroy	*W. Y. Smith
Chas. Sprague	R. M. Whitefoot
*Gotlieb Stuckey	B. F. Osborne (sick)
Thos. M. Pierce (dead)	E. C. Kinney
*William Wade	
*W. D. G. Mercer, Present Commander	

DELEGATES

*Wm. H. Tracy
*Jessie Lambert
*Noah A. Decker

ALTERNATES

H. F. Short
J. N. Ramsey
Jacob Bowman

FRED WINTHROP POST NO. 11.

PAST POST COMMANDERS

C. W. Lombard (dead)	*Pope Catlin
W. E. Bancroft	Samuel Bellew
*W. H. Rayner	W. H. H. Dickinson
W. H. Reed	William Woodruff
C. B. Newbury	L. W. Grantier
Albert P. McDonald, Present Commander	

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

*W. H. Raynor	W. H. Reed
*Pope Catlin	C. H. Grant

GEORGE G. MEADE POST NO. 16.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

T. C. Davidson	*J. S. Wisner
A Short	*Eber Golder
*Jno. Cannovan	John Marchion
*E. W. Waterbury	Dennis Heffron (dead)
*H. T. Errett	T. J. Ward
Lew Coleman	*Roger Edwards
M. B. Spier	Chas. B. Spier
*James Sparrow	
*Benj. Sweeney, Present Commander	

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

*William Dobson	J. M. Sligh
*H. H. Smith	Thomas Kershaw
Geo. O. English	*James King

SHERIDAN POST NO. 18.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

J. O. Gregg	F. George Heldt
Frank Combs	W. H. Safford
E. M. Mitchell	Stephen Spitsley
W. M. Cleeland	
Sheldon Hodges, Present Commander	

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

C. H. Robinson	Felix Armstrong
Thomas Rieley	O. G. Cooper
Sterling McDonald	J. T. Eaton

NAT LYONS POST NO. 23.
PAST POST COMMANDERS

D. L. Plume	J. D. Eaton
R. C. Palmer	W. J. Sparks
Jacob Billings	Ed. F. Morgan
F. G. Miller	A. L. Brown
Ed. F. Morgan, Present Commander	

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

GEORGE B. McCLELLAN POST NO. 24
PAST POST COMMANDERS

H. H. Garr	D. A. Snyder
*N. H. Morley	E. Kessner
*J. R. Hillman	
*O. S. Hinds, Present Commander	

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

*N. H. Morley	Andrew Kennedy
M. T. Jones	Frank Hillier
Peter Darcy	J. B. Newell

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 27.
PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Otis T. Johnston
Wm. J. Graves, Present Commander

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

*John P. Hinchilwood	
James Crossen	M. M. McGregor

WILLIAM McKINLEY POST NO. 28.
PAST POST COMMANDERS.

James R. Goss, Present Commander

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

*James R. Goss	Thomas McGill
*Thomas McGill	C. H. Trady

FRANK P. STERLING,
J. P. STEVENS,

Committee.



FRANK P. STERLING,
Assistant Adjutant General

ANDREW J. FISK,
Department Commander

ED. S. WALKER,
Asst. Quartermaster General

The roll of officers and members entitled to a vote in the Encampment was called and those marked * in the foregoing report of the Committee on Credentials were present and answered to their names.

Upon motion made by Past Department Commander J. G. Sanders, a committee consisting of J. G. Sanders, J. A. Schmitt and Pope Catlin were appointed to wait upon the Women's Relief Corps and inform said Corps that the Encampment was in session and would be pleased to receive any delegation or communication from their corps.

The committee thus appointed soon returned and reported that the Women's Relief Corps was duly organized and requested a joint session, at the Elks' Hall, where the reports of the president of the W. R. C. and the Department Commander would be presented by the respective officers. Said report was received and adopted, and the Encampment proceeded in a body to the Elks' Hall where the joint session was held, presided over by Department Commander A. J. Fisk.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The President of the Women's Relief Corps of the Department of Montana, Mrs. Sylvia Grantier, of Missoula, delivered a most interesting address, showing efficient work during the past year, and that the organization was in a most flourishing condition. It is to be regretted that a copy of this instructive address has not been furnished the Assistant Adjutant General, in order that the same could have been incorporated in this journal. However, we learn from the report that there was expended for relief during the year \$55.35; estimated value of relief other than money was \$41.73; number of families of soldiers visited, 19; number of soldiers' families assisted, 10; total number of persons assisted, 36.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER A. J. FISK.

Comrades:

“ He doeth all things well.”

A kind Providence has permitted many of the veterans of the Civil War to meet again in Annual Encampment in this, the lovely gem of the Gallatin Valley—Bozeman. Forty and odd years since the muster out of the serried battalions have silvered the hair, have dimmed the eye, and bent the erect figure of the survivors; but we are here to renew our fealty to each other and to our country, and by the renewal of our comradeship to gather fresh courage to fight the good fight of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty so long as there is left within us the pulse of life.

HOW WE LOVE OUR GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

We made its creation possible; then we created it; we have guided and fostered it; its organization is unique—a marvel; we will be with it and of it until that day when even he who calls the roll drops out of the ranks; until the last man has seized the tattered flag from the fallen comrade and waves it in the face of the enemy. Then, and not till then, will we surrender. The following gem, eulogistic and reminiscent of our Grand Army, is from an unknown author:

“No child can be born into it; no proclamation of President, King or Czar can command admission; no university or institution of learning can issue a diploma authorizing its holder to enter; no act of Congress or Parliament secures recognition; the wealth of a Vanderbilt cannot purchase the position; its doors swing open only upon the presentation of the bit of paper, torn, worn, begrimed it may be, which certifies to an honorable discharge from the Armies or Navies of the Nation during the war against rebellion; and, unlike any other association, no new blood can come in. There are no growing ranks from which recruits can be drawn into the Grand Army of the Republic. With the consummation of peace through victory its rolls were closed forever. Its lines are steadily and swiftly growing thinner, and the ceaseless tramp of its columns is with ever-lessening tread; the gaps in the picket line grow wider, day by day details are made from the reserve, summoned into the shadowy regions, to return to touch elbows no more, until by and by only a solitary sentinel shall stand guard waiting until the bugle call from beyond shall muster out the last comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.”

At the Twenty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, G. A. R., held at Dillon March 28, 29 and 30, 1905, Colonel Wilbur F. Sanders was elected Department Commander. Even then the Grim Reaper had issued the summons of death, but it was hoped the brave and fearless leader, comrade and pioneer, who believed in the brotherhood of man, and for whom death had no terror, would live to greet his comrades in Encampment at the expiration of his tenure of office. But God in His wisdom willed it otherwise, and on the 7th day of July our beloved Commander closed his weary eyes in peaceful sleep. Reverently we bore his body to the valley; there, surrounded by, and within the shadow of the eternal mountains he loved so well, he rests.

"The dead need no eulogies,
Sleep, soldier! still in honored rest;
Your truth and valor wearing—
The bravest are the tenderest;
Sleep, soldier! sleep."

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Army of the Republic, by virtue of my office as Senior Vice-Commander, on July 11th I assumed command of the Department of Montana. Comrade Josephus Rich, of Dillon. Junior Vice-Commander, assumed the office of Senior Vice-Commander, and at a subsequent meeting of the Council of Administration, Thomas J. Mains, of Livingston, was elected Junior Vice-Commander.

On the death of Commander W. F. Sanders I have appointed the following committee on resolutions: Comrades Henry N. Blake, Frank P. Sterling, Lester S. Willson.

It is my painful duty to announce the death, at Virginia City, on August 21, 1905, of Past Department Commander James E. Callaway. He was with us at Dillon last year, and from his appearance and physical condition at that time, he bade fair to live many years. On his death I have appointed the following committee on resolutions; Comrades H. S. Howell, Henry N. Blake and W. G. D. Mercer.

Another notable death during the year was that of Comrade John R. Comfort, of Twin Bridges, Past Commander of Custer Post No. 5. He was a prominent citizen, loved and honored in the community in which he lived, dear to all who knew him. His cheery "good-bye" when we parted at Dillon last year is still ringing in my ears.

At some hour during this Encampment, to be announced later, we will hold services in memoriam. The committees will then report, and remarks will be in order by any comrade. I have requested Comrade W. G. D. Mercer, Commander of William English Post No. 10, to address us in memoriam of those who have died since our last Encampment.

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Department of Montana has reason to be gratified at the attendance of Montana comrades at the Thirty-ninth National Encampment, held at Denver during the week beginning September 4, 1905. Headquarters were secured at the Oxford Hotel, only one block from the Union Depot, and a point easy of access from any part of the city. Twenty comrades registered at headquarters, and

at the Grand parade on Wednesday every one of them reported, took his place in the column, and, after marching four or five miles, were in line when the order was given to "break ranks" after passing the reviewing stand. These comrades were:

A. J. Fisk, Department Commander, Helena.
Josephus Rich, Senior-Vice Commander, Dillon.
C. B. Newbury, Delegate, Missoula.
James M. Page, Alternate Delegate, Twin Bridges.
Everton J. Conger, Judge Advocate, Dillon.
E. C. Kinney, Bozeman.
Pope Catlin, Missoula.
Homer C. Smith, Butte.
Thomas A. Foster, Sheridan.
C. E. Paige, Billings.
Thomas Duggan, Glendive.
H. Barr, Park City.
W. M. Reed, Dillon.
P. H. Tooley, Moore.
William Woodruff, Missoula.
E. H. Bruce, Butte.
Jesse P. Stevens, Butte.
H. D. Rossiter, Sheridan.
Benjamin Bond, Dillon.
S. L. Foster, Ekalaka.

The following members of the Women's Relief Corps, Department of Montana, also registered at headquarters, and took part in the meetings and proceedings of that body:

Sylvia Grantier, Department Commander W. R. C., Missoula.
Estella Mae Rich, Delegate W. R. C., Dillon.
Mamie R. McIntosh, Dillon.
Elizabeth Frieth, Butte.
Margaret Hutchinson, Missoula.
H. L. Kinney, Bozeman.

The weather on the day of the parade was all that could be desired. It is claimed that there were more than 20,000 veterans in line. I believe it. And I also believe that no state in the Union was received with more enthusiasm by the countless thousands lining the sidewalks than was Montana. It seemed to be one continuous cheer for Montana! Montana! Denver's hospitality was boundless. From Monday until Saturday there was "something doing" all the time. Receptions, campfires, reunions, entertainments, excursions, followed each other rapidly. The veterans were boys again. And when it was all over, the only regret seemed to be that it had been impossible to see half the sights, attend only a minority of the receptions and entertainments, or find only a few of the old comrades whom you had planned to hunt up and talk over again the incidents and recollections of the early sixties.

At the business meetings of the Encampment Montana's representatives were constant in attendance and took an active part in the proceedings. We were early and earnest supporters of "Corporal" James Tanner for Commander-in-Chief, and notwithstanding the fact that considerable opposition to his candidacy was predicted, when it came to a vote his election was practically unanimous. In his selection as chieftain the Grand Army made no mistake. He is giving the order an active, intelligent administration. I have had several letters from the Commander-in-Chief, and it was his hope to be with us at this Encampment. The dates, however, conflicted with engagements in other States. It is not improbable that later in the season he will pass through our State, stopping one day in Helena. I have assured him that if he will do so he will be heartily welcomed by many comrades of the Grand Army.

The Fortieth National Encampment will meet in Minneapolis, the date having been fixed for the week beginning Monday, August 13, 1906. This will probably be the last Encampment to be held in the West for some years. I urge upon the comrades of the Department of Montana to take advantage of the time and opportunity and make an earnest endeavor to attend this Encampment. Once more let us help to swell the ranks of the marching veterans; once more, in days of peace, prosperity and plenty, let us touch elbows with the comrades who have lived to see, in its fullest fruition, the mighty Nation saved by their deeds of heroism and patriotism.

The duties of a Department Commander at a National Encampment I have found to be many and exacting. First of all, he should be on the ground at least two days in advance of the gathering hosts, to see that his headquarters, previously selected and announced, are in readiness. He must become acquainted, superficially at least, with the lay of the city, the street car system, the route of march, and of the subject matter pertaining to the many questions which will surely be asked him by arriving comrades. He should select one or more competent aides who will assist him as long as his headquarters are kept open, which need not necessarily be, in a Department of the strength of Montana, longer than Wednesday, or possibly Thursday, of the Encampment week. In good season, prior to the date of the Encampment, an earnest effort should be made to ascertain who are going, that suitable quarters may be procured. It is desirable, in order to get together quickly for recreation, amusements and pleasure jaunts, that Montanians "colonize" when practicable—that is, to secure rooms in a certain locality of the city. Otherwise it is a difficult matter, in the congested state of the streets and hotels, to find any one, even though his full address be given on the register at the State headquarters.

There are certain expenses which are necessary to conform to, for the dignity of the State and the comfort and convenience of the attending comrades, such as the renting of suitable headquarters, the printing of badges and other incidentals. These expenses, in my judgment, should be borne by the Department, an appropriation to be made from time to time by the Department Encampment, in such sums as the Department may determine, to be subject to the order of the Department Commander; and the said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, may be expended by the senior officer of the Department present at a National Encampment for the legitimate expenses connected with the established headquarters.

A ROOM AT THE CAPITOL.

At the last session of the Legislature a bill was passed giving to the Grand Army a room in the State Capitol building for the purpose of safely storing the records and documents of the Order. In the month of December last, upon the personal application of the Department Commander and the Assistant Adjutant General, Governor Joseph K. Toole assigned to our use a suitable room and delivered the keys to the Department officers. A considerable quantity of accumulated records have already been stored in the room.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS

Continued praise is due to this noble band of women whose greatest object is the amelioration of the sick, suffering and needy comrades of the Grand Army. To my knowledge, no worthy applicant for charity has been turned away from the hospitable doors of this humane, loving association of unselfish charity workers. Their Order is entitled to the kindest wishes and the moral and financial support of all patriotic citizens. I am pleased to learn that the Order for the past year, under the presidency of Mrs. Sylvia Grantier, of Missoula, has been one of prosperity for the W. R. C. of Montana.

FILL UP THE RANKS.

Under date of March 5, 1906, Commander-in-Chief Tanner says in a letter to your Department Commander:

"It is said that up in the Northwest, in your section, there are more veterans outside of the Grand Army than in any other section of the United States. I am inclined to think this is correct. They say to me that if I will come and touch the high places—that is, the populous centers, giving them due notice, they will rally the boys for campfires, which they hope will result in increased interest in the Order."

I should not be surprised if the information of the Commander-in-Chief was correct. I presume there is not a comrade present at this Encampment but what knows of some veteran who has never joined the Grand Army. This is not as it should be. I am one of those who believe that every veteran of the civil war is in honor bound to join this Order. It is no excuse that he be poor and cannot spare the money for initiation and dues. There are comrades in my Post who stand ready to pay the fee of any veteran who will join; and if he cannot pay his dues and will say so, the Post will take care of his membership. There is not a Post in the Department that is not solicitous to take in these veterans who have never yet entered the fold. During the coming year let us make a determined effort to gather them in. Every comrade in the Department may consider himself a duly appointed recruiting officer whose duty it shall be, in season and out of season, to solicit and importune recruits from the ranks of the uninitiated.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

As will be seen by the detailed reports of Assistant Adjutant General Frank P. Sterling and Assistant Quartermaster General Ed. S. Walker, the Department, as compared with late previous years, is in good condition, numerically and financially. And I take this occasion to sincerely thank all the officers of the Department for their assistance and cheerful support during my administration.

Past Department Commander A. N. Bull was appointed by General Bakewell to the position of Patriotic Instructor for the Department of Montana. It is a position of responsibility and a good deal of labor. I am pleased to note that Comrade Bull's earnest efforts have met with the cordial approval of General Bakewell, Patriotic Instructor for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief Tanner honored our Department by making the following appointments on his staff:

Aide de Camp—P. H. Tooley, of Moore.

Inspector-General—Pope Catlin, of Missoula.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Each year adds an increasing number of newly made graves, upon which we strew our flowers and moisten them with tears of sorrow. Patriotism and love of country grow with the years, until now Memorial Day is becoming one of the greatest days of the year. Comrades, be ever zealous in its proper observance. Teach its lessons to your children and to your children's children. Let it be unto you and unto them the day of days; the opportunity and the

time when the Nation stops its industries, gathers its sweetest flowers and pays tribute to the memory of its honored dead. A day inspired by loving memories and hearts tender with grief, may its observance be perpetuated until time shall be no more.

THE MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME.

On the high banks of and overlooking the clear, cold mountain waters of the Columbia, and in the Flathead Valley, adjacent to the towering and majestic Kootenai, Cabinet and Mission ranges, is located the Montana Soldiers' Home. It is one of the most charming scenic points in this mountain country. It is truly an ideal spot. The very atmosphere seems to breathe a spirit of rest and peace. As Commander of the Department, I have attended the meetings of the Board of Managers, and cheerfully attest to the proper management of the Home under their direction, and that of the personal supervision of Captain H. S. Howell, the Commandant. Within the Home are about eighty old soldiers, worn out with the combat with the world and old age, the remaining years of life being made as comfortable as possible. The building erected in 1904 for the use of old soldiers and their wives now has five couples domiciled therein, with accommodations for a few more. Hospital facilities, owing to the advancing age of the inmates, are entirely inadequate, and the next legislature will be asked for an appropriation to erect an additional building for hospital use.

TO A COMRADE—"TAPS."

Visiting the patients in the hospital at the Home, in August last, I found in bed, from which he was destined to never rise again, an old comrade of my regiment, E. J. Fitch, whom I had not met since we were mustered out, forty years ago. I can assure you, comrades, the meeting and visit were affecting. As he took my hand to say good-bye, tears coursed down his withered cheeks. At intervals, and at times half audibly, his parting words were:

"Comrade, I am 71 years old today; I have made my last march; I shall soon be mustered out. I want to say to you that you have brightened my last days by coming in to see and talk with me. It has been so long, so very long, since I have met a single member of my regiment. In taking your hand I can close my eyes and seem to see before me many familiar faces of the boys of the old Second Cavalry. You remember Boda, the bugler? Of course you do. Well, lying here in pain, half awake and half asleep, many times I have heard his bugle call. Sometimes it is reveille, sometimes it is boots and saddles, again it is assembly, and then the restful "taps."

"Do you believe these calls are realistic, comrade, or does my mind wander? I *believe* I hear them. And when the boys carry me out of here, up to the cemetery at the other end of the grounds, don't you believe I shall hear "assembly" sounded? I believe it. But tell me, dear comrade, will we fall in lively like, as we were accustomed to in the long ago, with young faces, strong limbs and bodies supple and erect? Or will it be with these old and battered forms and gray locks of today? And will it seem like home right away over there, or will we have to get acquainted with the boys again?"

The poor old soldier, exhausted, dropped off into an uneasy sleep, doubtless to struggle over again in his mind with conflicting and unsettled problems and to listen for the phantom bugle calls.

He died in October, and the "boys" carried him tenderly, lovingly, to the soldier's long home, and "taps" was sounded over the veteran's grave.

"Comrade, rest! thy warfare o'er,
Dream of fighting fields no more:
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,
Morn of toil, nor night of waking."

In F., C. and L.,

ANDREW J. FISK,

Department Commander.

After listening to some fine music, both vocal and instrumental, the joint session dissolved.

The Encampment again being in session at Maxwell Hall, the following reports were presented, read, and referred to respective committees:

REPORT OF F. P. STERLING, ASST. ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

HELENA, MONT., April 12, 1906.

GENERAL ANDREW J. FISK,
Department Commander.

Commander:

In compliance with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations I have the honor to submit herewith the report of the Assistant Adjutant General for the year ending December 31, 1905.

In compiling this report I meet the same obstacles that have stood in the way of practically all of my predecessors and prevented them from presenting to the Annual Encampments accurate accounts of the conditions of the respective Posts of this Department.

Chapter 5, Article 2, Section 2, provides: That Post returns shall be consolidated by the Assistant Adjutant General and forwarded by the Department Commander to the Adjutant General *on or before the 20th day of each term*. This law is observed and honored in the breach, not in its observance, for the reason that it seems impossible to obtain reports from *a few* of our Posts in time, in order to permit your Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General to comply with said Rule and Regulation; and I may add that even then the reports from the latest Posts are secured only when letter after letter have been sent by your Assistant Adjutant General.

This condition of affairs has always existed. And from my own experience I am satisfied that it always will exist until *some* Annual Encampment *applies* the remedy.

The following shows the gains and losses for the year ending December 31, 1905:

In good standing December 31, 1905

Posts 14	Members 434
Gain, 1st term, 1705	Members
By muster in	9
By transfer	6
By reinstatement	10
	—
Total gain	25
	—
Aggregate	459
Loss, 1st term	Members
By death	7
By honorable discharge	4
By transfer	2
By suspension	38
	—
Total loss	51

Members in good standing June 30, 1905 408

Gains during 2d term	Members
By muster in	8
By transfer	2
By reinstatement	18
	—
Total gain	28
	—
Aggregate	436

Loss during 2d term	Members
By death	7
By honorable discharge	2
By transfer	3
By suspension	8
	—
Total loss	20
	—

Members in good standing Dec. 31, 1905 416

Number of Posts 14

Expended in charity \$147.55

Number of families relieved 13

Rituals on hand 64

I would not close this report without referring to our lamented Chief, Comrade Wilbur F. Sanders, whom we all loved so well, and whose comradeship was an inspiration to all who knew him. Blessed consolation, to know that he died as he had lived, a true patriot, a true soldier, at his post of duty.

With thanks for, and full appreciation of, all the honors that have come to me through the Grand Army of the Republic, I am,

Very truly yours in F., C. & L.,

FRANK P. STERLING,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Referred to Comrades Waterbury and Jackson.

The report of Ed. S. Walker, Assistant Quartermaster General, was read, and as said report had been examined and audited by the Council of Administration, in compliance with said General Order No. 7, said report was, on motion, received, approved and ordered filed.

REPORT OF ED. S. WALKER, ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

GEN. ANDREW J. FISK,
Department Commander.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of this office from March 31, 1905, to the present date:

Cash on hand March 31, 1905.....	\$485 45
Cash received to date.....	371 55
Total	\$857 00
Total disbursements.....	477 45
Cash balance on hand	\$379 55

I submit herewith detailed statements showing the receipts and expenditures, marked Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B."

EXHIBIT "A"—RECEIPTS.

NAME OF POST	No. of Post	Per Capita Tax 1905		Q. M. Supplies	Total
		June 30	Dec. 31		
Lincoln	2	\$22 80	\$25 20	\$13 65	\$61 75
Wadsworth.....	3	33 60	32 40	5 85	71 85
Custer	5	4 00	2 80	50	7 30
Frank Blair	6	6 00	5 60	.....	11 60
Farragut	7	11 20	12 40	2 60	26 20
Steadman	8	8 00	6 40	3 75	18 35
Wm. English.....	10	12 00	12 80	6 05	30 85
Fred Winthrop.....	11	11 60	14 40	1 60	27 60
Geo. G. Meade	16	14 00	14 00	9 75	37 75
Sheridan	18	5 20	6 40	.....	11 60
Nat Lyons.....	23	10 00	5 20	.....	15 20
George B. McClellan.....	24	12 80	10 80	.....	23 60
John A. Logan.....	27	4 40	4 00	1 10	9 50
McKinley.....	28	.....	8 00	.....	8 00
Badges ..	.....	.....	.....	10 50	10 50
Total.....	.....	\$155 60	\$160 40	\$ 55 55	\$371 55

EXHIBIT "B"—DISBURSEMENTS.

1905.

April	6.	Toesch & Franz, Encampment badges.....	\$ 22 15
"	3.	John Harding, drayage.....	1 00
"	7.	Great Northern Express Co., banner to Dillon...	1 75
"	12.	Great Northern Express Co., banner from Dillon.	1 75
"	20.	George W. Huffaker, stamps.....	5 00
May	4.	Union Bank & Trust Co., bond.....	2 00
"	4.	Naegele & Co., printing	2 00
"	4.	H. S. Thurber Co., Letter Heads and Envelopes..	12 50
"	22.	Northern Pacific Express Co., express on badges.	35
"	22.	Joseph K. Davidson Sons, Department badges...	47 00
"	25.	George W. Huffaker, stamps.....	5 00
June	1.	H. S. Thurber Co., printing proceedings & orders	60 00
"	1.	George W. Huffaker, stamps.....	2 00
July	5.	Frank P. Sterling, 1st quarter's salary.....	18 75
"	5.	Ed. S. Walker, 1st quarter's salary.....	18 75
"	5.	Miss Elmer, type writing.....	4 50
"	11.	Grandon Green House, wreaths, Department Com.	12 00
"	19.	George W. Huffaker, stamps.....	5 00
"	20.	Secretary of State, filing bond.....	2 00
"	31.	National Headquarters, per capita tax.....	7 15
Aug.	3.	H. S. Thurber Co., Printing and envelopes	13 75
Sept.	9.	Northern Pac. Express Co., banner from Denver.	3 25
"	14.	A. J. Fisk, Headquarters exp. Nat'l Encampment.	16 50
Oct.	12.	Frank P. Sterling, 2d quarter's salary.....	18 75
"	12.	Ed. S. Walker, 2d quarter's salary.....	18 75
Nov.	10.	National Headquarters, supplies.....	28 85
Dec.	12.	State Publishing Co., letter heads.....	1 75

1906.

Jan.	2.	Frank P. Sterling, 3d quarter's salary.....	18 75
"	2.	Ed. S. Walker, 3d quarter's salary.....	18 75
"	22.	Frank P. Sterling, type writing.....	3 50
"	25.	National Headquarters, per capita tax.....	7 35
Mch.	12.	State Publishing Co., printing.....	2 25
"	27.	Frank P. Sterling, Department badges.....	53 00
"	30.	A. P. Curtin, envelopes.....	35
April	1.	Frank P. Sterling, 4th quarter's salary.....	18 75
"	1.	Ed. S. Walker, 4th quarter's salary.....	18 75
"	4.	Frank P. Sterling, expense	3 75

Total..... \$477 45

The consolidated reports of the Department for the term ending December 31, 1905, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand last report.....	\$ 825 63
Received from all sources.....	1,138 95
Total	<u>\$1,964 58</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Per capita tax.....	\$166 40
Relief from Post funds.....	5 00
All other disbursements.....	816 33
Total	<u>\$987 73</u>

Cash balance on hand.....	\$ 976 85
Cash invested in collateral.....	550 00
Total.....	<u>\$1,526 85</u>

VALUE OF PROPERTY.

Cash in Post funds.....	\$ 976 85
Cash in collateral.....	550 00
Cash in real estate.....	1,800 00
Cash in furniture, flags, etc.....	1,235 00
Total	<u>\$4,561 85</u>

In conclusion I would respectfully recommend that as this Department has now secured a room for storage purposes in the State Capitol building, that all Posts having records and papers of any kind pertaining to the past, and that will not be needed in the future operations of the Posts, be requested to forward the same to the Assistant Quartermaster General to be stored away for safe keeping.

There is no doubt that there are many papers and relics of different kinds now in possession of the Posts of the Department, that will in time not only be of great interest but of real value to those we must so soon leave behind.

Thanking you, Commander and the Officers and Comrades of the Department for the many courtesies extended, I am,

Sincerely yours in F., C. & L.,

ED. S. WALKER,

Assistant Quartermaster General.

REPORT OF JOSEPHUS RICH, SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

BOZEMAN, Montana, April 12, 1905.

Commander and Comrades:

The business of the Department has been so well cared for by our Commander, Comrade Fisk, that there has been no occasion to call on the Senior Vice, which makes it rather difficult to formulate a report. I wish to thank the comrades, one and all, for the honor conferred in electing me to the position of Junior Vice Commander at our Encampment last year, but most sincerely regret the sad occurrence which placed me in the position of Senior Vice Commander.

Comrades, let us use the same tactics that we used when our ranks were being broken by shot and shell: close up shoulder to shoulder; and may the thinning of our ranks strengthen the ties of comradeship, until the last roll call is answered and "taps" sounded over the last one of the grandest army ever organized.

I attended the Encampment at Denver last September. I do not wish to make any report of the proceedings there, but will leave that to our Delegate, Comrade Newbury. I only wish to speak of two occurrences that came to my notice during the parade. The sidewalks, doors, windows, and even the housetops were packed with people hurrahing, waving hats and handkerchiefs, but I noticed quite a number of old people who were using their handkerchiefs on their eyes as unpleasant recollections were brought back to mind. At one point in the parade where we turned a corner, when Comrade Fisk and myself were marching at the head of our delegation, there was a woman standing just around the corner who seemed to be taking the lead in that vicinity in cheering the different delegations as they passed. When we turned the corner she waved her flag and yelled, "Hurrah for Montana, they are the best looking men in the parade!" On hearing this I grew about an inch taller as I looked around to see whom she was looking at. She was looking straight at Comrade Fisk.

You Comrades who were at Dillon last year will remember how hard I worked for a parade for the benefit of the school children, but when the parade was over and we were surrounded by three hundred or four hundred of our school children waving flags and hurrahing, cheering us, I felt that I was doubly repaid for all my exertions. I never miss an opportunity, in school, in church, or on the street, to teach patriotism, or at least to be of assistance in teaching it to our young people. Soon they will have full control in this

country. So let us try and teach them to be good, true Americans and citizens, that they may not have the experience we had from '61 to '65.

I hope that, if the weather permits, you will have a parade here at Bozeman, chiefly for the benefit of the children. I am getting old and I suppose I am as lazy as any of you, but I will fall in line and try to keep step with you again.

I would like to say a word for our Dillon Woman's Relief Corps. It is composed of some of the best and most influential workers in Dillon and is increasing in membership slowly but surely. On February 22nd they gave a reception in I. O. O. F. Hall and had a fine display of relics. Comrade E. J. Conger kindly volunteered to give a detailed account of the assassination of President Lincoln and of the pursuit and capture of Booth, which was very much appreciated by the audience. The school children were given a special invitation, and they responded to this so well that the hall was about half filled with school children, from five to eight years of age, who seemed to be the most attentive listeners in the audience.

There was one class of volunteers of the war of the rebellion that has never yet received the credit due them. The young wife who volunteered to stay at home to work and possibly to care for the babies while her husband went to answer his country's call; and while he was surrounded by friends and comrades, she was left at home to struggle alone with her little ones.

May God bless our women,—we could not get along without them.

Yours truly in F., C. & L.,

JOSEPHUS RICH,

Senior Vice Commander.

REPORT OF THOMAS J. MAINS, JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

LIVINGSTON, Montana, April 12, 1906.

GEN. ANDREW J. FISK,

Department Commander, G. A. R.:

Comrade:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Junior Vice Commander.

As I have not been called upon to transact any business for this Department during the term of my appointment, I have no report to present. I acknowledge the confidence reposed in me by the com-

rades recommending and appointing me to this position, and I desire herewith to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

THOMAS J. MAINS,

Junior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF C. B. NEWBURY, DELEGATE TO THE 39TH
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 21, 1906,

Department Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R. of Montana:

Realizing, as I now do, that on account of my health I will not be able to meet with you this year in Annual Encampment, to touch elbows with you and partake of the "feast of reason and flow of soul" that wells up around our annual campfires, I deem it my duty to briefly submit to you by letter my report as your Delegate to the Thirty-ninth Annual National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Denver in 1905.

My comrades who attended will no doubt be with you at Bozeman and vouch for your delegate's presence in Denver, and can tell verbally and more interestingly of the features of the Encampment. So I will only say that I endeavored to act in the interest of our Department in the official sessions of the Encampment. Montana seconded the nomination of Comrade Tanner as Commander-in-Chief and cast her three votes for him. After his election Commander Tanner promised your delegate that he would visit our Department during his term of office.

In the Grand Parade, which covered four or five miles of streets, Montana's banner was followed by twenty comrades who fell in line at the start, and two more joined in later on, and all marched past the reviewing stand—no straggling or falling out of line for Montana. Much applause and many ovations came from the tens of thousands of patriotic people who lined, in solid mass, the entire length of the parade.

Regretting very much that I cannot be with you,

I submit this in F., C. & L.,

C. B. NEWBURY,

Delegate.

REPORT OF FRANCIS M. MALONE, CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

PANA, ILL., March 2S, 1906.

GEN. ANDREW J. FISK,

Department Commander, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir:

Having received the appointment from our late Commander, Col. W. F. Sanders, as chief mustering officer for the Department of Montana, I wish to say I have the honor to submit the following report.

I have not been called upon to perform any official duty in the Department of Montana as Chief Mustering Officer, and I regret, on account of business, engaging in stock shipments last summer, I was not able to see much of the workings of the G. A. R. of our State.

I regret that it will be impossible for me to attend the next Annual Encampment to be held at Bozeman, April 12 and 13.

Hoping you will have a successful meeting, I have the honor to be,

Yours very truly,

FRANCIS M. MALONE,
Chief Mustering Officer.

REPORT OF L. E. HOLMES, MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

HELENA, MONT., December 31, 1905.

ANDREW J. FISK,

Department Commander.

Comrade:

I have the honor to submit the following report, as Medical Director of this Department for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1905.

No. of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants	4
No. of deaths during term.....	6
No. who presumably died from other causes.....	3
No. of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines.....	1

The following are names and locations of the State or National Soldiers and Sailors Homes for the care of ex-Union soldiers and sailors in this department, including those for the orphan children of deceased soldiers and sailors:

Montana State Soldiers' Home, Columbla Falls.

No of inmates in said Home, 71.

The above Homes are supported by State appropriation.
No. of ex-soldiers or sailors in Alms Houses, 1.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

L. E. HOLMES,
Medical Director.

The report of Col. A. N. Bull, Department Patriotic Instructor, was read and adopted, and upon motion it was ordered that a copy of said report be given to the press; and that the thanks of this Department, by a rising vote, be extended to Comrade Bull for his efficient work as said Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF A. N. BULL, PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Bozeman, Montana, April 12, 1906.

As my term of office is closed, an accounting of my stewardship is due, and, therefore, I make the following brief report:

The amended rules and regulations, adopted by the National Encampment, held at Denver, September last, created the office of Department Patriotic Instructor, the same to be appointed by the Department Commander immediately after entering upon the duties of his office, and the Commander may appoint as many assistants as the Department Instructor may recommend. On December the 14th I received a letter from our Commander, asking me to accept the office of Department Patriotic Instructor, stating that great achievements would not be expected of me. So, with this understanding, I entered upon the duties of my office January 8th. I recommended and the Department Commander appointed an assistant instructor in each Post in the Department. Through the courtesy of the State School Superintendent, W. E. Harmon, I received a list of school superintendents throughout the state, and sent to each a circular letter, asking their support and co-operation. I have received answers to the above letters from all parts of the state, expressing their perfect willingness to do all in their power to aid in the good work, and I believe in almost every school in the Department, through talks by Comrades and School Superintendents and Teachers, by patriotic songs, recitations and flag drills, Lincoln's and Washington's, birthdays have been observed. From the very nature of our organization, patriotism being our chief corner stone, with love of Country so strong within us that it led us to follow our flag in to the very jaws of death, we have inherited the duty of keeping alive the fires of Patriotism. Let us remember the Grand Army of the Republic stands foremost in this broad land of ours in teaching patriotism, and

if we properly realize our duty, and are willing to do what we may to encourage the efforts that are being made to teach patriotism in our public schools, then will go out a great army of patriotic young men and women from our tens of thousands of schools all over the land. Knowing this, we feel our country is safe, and the combined forces of the world cannot withstand them. My term of office has been short (less than three months) and I realize that little more than a start has been made in this work. Patriotic fires have simply been lighted, but with a wise choice in a Comrade as my successor, and an earnest co-operation of assistant Instructors and Comrades, please God, these fires will be made to burn, and our starry banner which by law floats above every school house in our state, shall be revered and honored. I wish to thank our Commander for his kind words of encouragement, also the School Superintendents throughout our state, who have so willingly acted upon my suggestions and have given their aid to the good work, and to the press from all parts of the state for their notice of circular letter, and for words of approval and encouragement. As the work of this office must necessarily be done through the mail, I would recommend that a suitable fund be placed at the disposal of the Department Instructor for stationery, printing, postage, etc.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

A. N. BULL,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF F. GEO. HELDT, DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Great Falls, Montana, Feb. 5, 1906.

A. J. FISK, Department Commander, G. A. R., Helena, Mont.

Comrade:

I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905:

Total number of Posts.....	14
Total number of members in good standing (8 Posts)...	270
Number of Posts inspected by Post Inspectors.....	8
Number of Posts not inspected.....	6
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified.....	8
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped.....	3 partly
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed...	none

Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept.....	14
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded.....	14
Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	none
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief.....\$	45 00
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters....	708 50
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts....	3372 56
Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps attached..	6
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	none

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

F. GEO. HELDT,
Department Inspector.

The respective committees to whom were referred the reports of the various officers of the Department submitted the following reports, and they were severally and unanimously adopted:

On the Address of the Department Commander:

To the Department Commander of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your committee to whom was referred the address and report of the Department Commander, respectfully submits the following report:

We recommend that all the suggestions contained therein be adopted by the Encampment. We are gratified to learn from this, as well as the other reports of the officers of the Department, that our Order is in thriving condition, and that its interests have been carefully guarded during the past year. We congratulate you upon your successful administration.

Henry N. Blake,
Ed. F. Ferris,
J. G. Sanders,
Committee.

Bozeman, April 13, 1906.

On the report of the Senior Vice Commander:

General Fisk, Department Commander:

We, your committee, to whom was referred the report of Senior Vice Commander, Josephus Rich, beg to submit the following:

We commend the sentiments expressed in the first paragraph, relative to keeping the ranks closed up.

The third paragraph, relative to the exhibition of the Dillon

children last year. In our opinion, the sentiment there expressed is and should be the nearest to the heart of every comrade. It is elevating and patriotic.

In the closing paragraph, the tribute to the wife or the girl we left behind meets with a loving endorsement of every true veteran, in Montana or elsewhere.

As a whole, we consider the report a very able production and recommend its incorporation into the Journal of this Encampment that it may not be lost to the coming generations.

B. T. Beebe,
R. C. Wallace,
G. W. Newman,
Committee.

On the report of the Assistant Adjutant General:

The committee to whom was referred the Assistant Adjutant General's report most respectfully submit the following:

We cordially endorse the remarks of our Assistant Adjutant General in respect to the difficulty in obtaining the reports from the respective Posts on time, and would add the recommendation that the Department Commander hereafter forget the fact that Post Commanders and Adjutants are old men, apt to be negligent and forgetful, *and apply the remedy* made and provided in such cases.

We wish to heartily congratulate our assistant adjutant general on his success and industry in the office he has held during the past year, and we are glad to know we have some left who can and will attend to Grand Army duties.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. Waterbury.
J. H. Jackson,
Committee.

On the report of the Department Patriotic Instructor:

We, your committee, to whom was referred the written report of Comrade A. N. Bull as Patriotic Instructor, beg to report that your committee hereby heartily endorse said report and with the recommendation that Comrade Bull be retained in this office for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Goss,
J. P. Hinchilwood,
W. H. Raynier,
Committee.

The following communications were read, and, upon motion, received and ordered printed in the Journal of the proceedings of this Encampment:

House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., April 7, 1906.

COL. MERCER,

Wm. English Post, G. A. R.,

Bozeman, Montana.

My Dear Sir:

I forwarded to Major Alderson, yesterday, an official letter from the Postmaster General authorizing the closing of the Post Office during the State Encampment on the 12th inst.

I now enclose official letter from Commissioner Richards of the Land Office saying he had wired the Land Office officials authority to close the Land Office also.

I was afraid the time was short to get the letter there by mail and asked him to wire, which he has kindly done.

I sincerely hope that the State Encampment will be a most successful one. I am very glad to have been able to have been of this small service to you in obtaining the necessary authority from the officials here to close the Government Offices during your Memorial Services.

I sometimes fear that those of us who have grown up since the close of the great struggle for the preservation of the Union are sometimes prone to forget the incalculable services rendered by the veterans of the Union Army forty years ago. The diminishing ranks of that truly grand and heroic Army of the Republic which yearly assembles in the different State Encampments should be a reminder to this generation but for their great sacrifices and heroic valor we we would not today enjoy the beneficent blessings of the greatest republic the world has ever seen.

I sometimes have a feeling of resentment at the unjust criticism directed at the members of the National Congress, by unthinking persons, on account of the large pension appropriations that are yearly made for the relief of the old veterans. While I would dislike as much as any one to see services to one's country placed on a commercial basis, still I am led to believe that this great Republic cannot be too liberal in dealing with men who rendered its present existence possible.

Notwithstanding the desire of the Government to be more than liberal with the old veterans regarding their Pension Claims, owing to the great number that must be adjudicated in ex parte hearings, and

consequently the many individual decisions that do not bring full justice to the individual soldier, I am more than ever convinced that the better plan would be for the Congress to pass a Service Pension Bill which would, in some measure, relieve the pressing necessities of the old soldiers who stand in need of financial assistance during their declining years.

In this connection I would say that it always gives me pleasure to be of any possible assistance in the matter of securing adjustment of their pension claims before the Department here, and I would be glad if the officials of the Grand Army Posts would at any time bring to my attention any matter of this kind in which I could be of service.

Hoping that your Encampment will be an occasion of mutual fraternal greetings and successful in every way, I am,

Yours very truly,

JOS. M. DIXON.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

General Land Office,

Washington, D. C., April 6, 1906.

HON. J. M. DIXON,

House of Representatives.

My Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 5th, I have to advise you that I have sent the following telegram to the Register and Receiver at Bozeman, Montana:

"You are authorized to close office for two hours on Thursday, April twelfth, during memorial services State Encampment, providing it will not interfere with public business."

Very respectfully,

W. A. RICHARDS,

Commissioner.

The Commander read a communication from Prof. J. M. Hamilton, President of the Montana Agricultural College, inviting all veterans of the Grand Army, and their ladies, to visit the college and grounds at any time when they found it most convenient. Transportation was furnished, and later on many of the veterans and members of the Women's Relief Corps availed themselves of the invitation. A light lunch was served, and the visit was very much enjoyed.

An invitation was also received from the Gallatin Valley Club, saying that the latchstring was out to every veteran, and that the Grand Army badge was all that was necessary to open the doors to the visitor and receive a hearty welcome from within.

At 2:30 p. m. the Encampment took a recess until 10:00 A. M., April 13th, for the purpose of attending public Memorial Services, at 3 p. m., at the Opera House; and also to attend exercises at the Opera House in the evening.

PUBLIC MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE OPERA HOUSE, APRIL 12th, 3 P. M.

The opera house proved wholly inadequate to accommodate the great crowd of people that turned out to participate in the public memorial services held by the Grand Army of the Republic.

The stores had all been closed by agreement, as also had the schools and the agricultural college, as well as the Post Office and the U. S. Land Office, and the afternoon was given over to the paying of tribute to the past year's dead.

Both the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief corps meetings had adjourned their afternoon sessions in order to participate in the memorial meeting, and long before 3 o'clock, the hour at which the meeting was scheduled to begin, the halls were packed to suffocation, and even standing room was not available.

The meeting was called to order by Department Commander A. J. Fisk, who called upon the Rev. R. M. Donaldson to offer the invocation.

Fifty children from the public schools, under the direction of Miss Kanagy, sang "The Good Comrade" and "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground."

A select chorus from the High School sang "The Old Guard."

Two illustrious members of the Grand Army of the Republic, besides a number of other comrades in the organization, had died during the year. Those whose names appeared most conspicuously in the roll of dead were Colonel Wilbur F. Sanders, of Helena, and Colonel Callaway, of Madison county, the former of whom was Department Commander at the time of his death last year.

Past Department Commander Henry N Blake, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, upon being introduced, presented the following and asked that they be read by the Assistant Adjutant General:

Bozeman, Montana, April 12, 1906.

ANDREW J. FISK,

Department Commander, G. A. R.,

Dear Sir:

Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions respecting the death of Wilbur F. Sanders, late Department Commander of this Department, respectfully submits the accompanying Memorial and Resolutions, and moves that they be adopted and entered upon the Journal of this Encampment.

Henry N. Blake,
R. M. Whitefoot,
Frank P. Sterling,
Committee.

MEMORIAL AND RESOLUTIONS.

Wilbur Fisk Sanders was born in Leon, New York, upon the 2d day of May, 1834. He moved to Akron, Ohio, in 1854, and was admitted to the bar in 1856. He recruited a company of infantry and a battery in 1861, and was commissioned in October, 1861, First Lieutenant and Adjutant of the Sixty-fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteers, Infantry. He was compelled by sickness to relinquish his trust and leave the army in August, 1862.

Mr. Sanders arrived at Bannack, then the territory of Idaho, upon the seventeenth day of September, 1863. After the organization of the Territory of Montana, he was appointed by Governor Edgerton Colonel of the militia. After a residence in Bannack and Virginia City he lived in Helena until his demise on the seventh day of July, 1905. He was elected a member of the House of Representatives from Lewis and Clark county in 1872, 1874, 1876 and 1878. When Montana was admitted into the sisterhood of states he was elected to the Senate of the United States, and drew the term ending March 4, 1893.

Mr. Sanders was active in the civic walks of life. He had been President of the Montana Bar Association, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons, President of the Historical Society of Montana and of the Society of Montana Pioneers, and a trustee of the public schools of Helena. At the time of his death he was President of the Board of Trustees of the Wesleyan University and a trustee of the Public Library of Helena.

He was a charter member of William English Post, No. 10, bearing the date of June 26, 1884, and was frequently selected delegate

to the State Encampment. He was a Companion of the Loyal Legion. He was elected Commander of the Department at the last Encampment and died during his term of office.

Resolved, That we mourn deeply the loss of our late comrade, and regret that he did not have the grand privilege of rendering an account of his stewardship as our Department Commander to this Encampment; that his eloquent addresses on Memorial Day and patriotic occasions, abounding with sentiment of the most exalted character, will abide with us as a fragrant memory, and that we willingly bear testimony that, by his departure from the scenes of earth, the old soldiers and sailors and this order have been bereft of a valiant champion.

Resolved, That as citizens, in common with the people of Montana, we acknowledge the everlasting obligation to our comrade for his bravery and heroism in leading the successful assaults upon the reckless and powerful bands of highwaymen, who, before the reign of the courts, were destroying the lives of the settlers to perpetrate robbery.

Resolved, That we gladly write in our records that our comrade was an assiduous worker for the good of the community, and that the school, the college, the library, the history of Montana and beneficial institutions commanded his ardent support.

Resolved, That we tender to those who dwell in the house of mourning our condolence for their bereavement, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of our late comrade by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the Journal of this Encampment.

ANDREW J. FISK,

Department Commander Grand Army of the Republic:

Your Committee, appointed to prepare resolutions regarding the death of James E. Callaway, formerly Department Commander of this Department, respectfully submits the accompanying Memorial and Resolutions, and moves that they be adopted and entered upon the Journal of this Encampment.

Bozeman, Montana, April 12, 1906.

Henry N. Blake,
W. G. D. Mercer,
Frank P. Sterling,
Committee.

MEMORIAL AND RESOLUTIONS.

James Edmund Callaway was born July 7, 1834, in Trigg county, Kentucky. His ancestors were pioneers in the land of his birth, and served with high distinction in the wars of the Revolution and 1812. He removed to Illinois in 1848, was a student in the public schools of Kentucky and Illinois and Eureka College, and the office of the "War Governor" Yates, and was admitted to the bar. After the attack on Fort Sumter, a public meeting was held in Tuscola, Illinois, upon the seventeenth day of April, 1861, and a company was organized with James E. Callaway as Captain, and tendered its services to the Government. This company was mustered upon the ninth day of May by U. S. Grant, and became Co. D, 21st Regiment Illinois Volunteers, Infantry, Col. U. S. Grant, Commander. In September, 1862, Captain Callaway was promoted to a majority. He was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel in November, and was Colonel when the war closed. His regiment suffered severe losses at the battles of Stone River and Chickamauga, and for sometime under the orders of General Davis, Commander of the Division, Major Callaway was in command of his regiment and the 81st Regiment Indiana Volunteers, Infantry. He was presented with a sword of fine workmanship (now in possession of the family at Virginia City) by the Indiana regiment as a testimonial to his efficiency and discipline.

Colonel Callaway was a charter member of Frank Blair Post, No. 6, of this Department, and was its first Commander. He was elected in 1889 Department Commander, and in 1905 was chosen a member of the Council of Administration.

Colonel Callaway resumed the practice of his profession and was elected to the legislature of Illinois. He was appointed in March, 1871, by his old friend and Commander, then President Grant, Secretary of the Territory of Montana, and was reappointed in 1875. He removed to Virginia City, the capital, and retained his citizenship there until his death upon the 21st day of August, 1905. He was a member of the Constitutional Conventions which assembled in Helena in 1884 and 1889. He was elected in 1885 from Madison county to the House of Representatives of the Fourteenth Legislative Assembly and presided as speaker.

Colonel Callaway was prominent in the Masonic Fraternity and filled important positions in the organization.

Resolved, That we cherish with pride the gallant and brilliant record of our late comrade, who fought from the beginning to the end of the war for the preservation of the American Union; that we

recall with pleasant emotions his kindly bearing and uniform courtesy in the sessions of our Encampments; and that we remember with gratitude his profound interest in his comrades in arms, and his fidelity in the discharge of his duties as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Resolved, That we rejoice that our late comrade became a citizen of this Commonwealth and labored diligently for its advancement; that he executed with faithfulness and ability the grave task confided to his care by the President as well as the people; and that he was earnest and indefatigable in his efforts to build as perfect as possible the Constitution of this State.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the Assistant Adjutant General to the afflicted family of our late comrade, with the assurance of our heartfelt sympathy for their bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the journal of this Encampment.

Upon the adoption of the foregoing resolutions Past Department Commander Blake said:

Mr. Commander and Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have assembled in this public manner to give expression to the thoughts suggested by the departure from our sight during the past year of two comrades, Wilbur Fisk Sanders and James Edmund Callaway. When our republic was menaced with destruction during the dark days of the Rebellion, they abandoned the pursuits of peace and donned the habiliments of war. This event, although brief in its duration, transcended all others in their notable lives. Their careers in some respects were upon parallel lines. They were born in 1834, and met the grim destroyer in 1905, were engaged in the profession of the law, grave responsibilities were thrust upon them, and they were department commanders of this department of the Grand Army of the Republic. The resolutions which have been read embody a concise description of their military records. It is not my purpose to narrate their forensic triumphs in the temples of justice.

The salient acts in the earthly pilgrimage of our comrade, Wilbur Fisk Sanders, demand our consideration. His services are blended with the history of Montana, and would readily fill a volume. He was a striking personality in the commonwealth, and his ability and researches were not bounded by the horizon of jurisprudence. The observation of Cicero, in the essay on the Republic, is worthy of repetition on this occasion: "Nor, indeed, is there anything in which

human virtue can more closely resemble the divine powers, than in establishing new states, or in preserving those already established." It was the rare distinction of our comrade to illustrate both attributes of this exalted character. He was a master workman in building the strong foundations of our State, and he was a soldier in a regiment of volunteers recruited in Ohio in 1861 for the preservation of the American Union. The renowned Roman orator justly lavished his wealth of speech upon achievements of this grandeur.

Mr. Sanders was a pioneer in September, 1863, before the dawn of the Territory of Montana, and removed from Bannack to Virginia City when the tide of population flowed to Alder Gulch. The obstacles confronting well disposed citizens were formidable, the times were clouded with peril and insecurity, and conditions bordering on anarchy prevailed. There and then Mr. Sanders risked on the issue all that was most dear. He was the leader in the organization of good and true men for the suppression of lawlessness, and the destruction of a bloodthirsty band of robbers and assassins.

It is not necessary to repeat the story, familiar to the households within our confines, but these remarks would be incomplete if I did not refer to this epoch, and recall a hero in the vital contest. His conduct on the twenty-first day of December, 1863, when he stood without fear upon a wagon in the highway of Nevada, as the representative of law and order, is as memorable as any incident in our history, and the consequences of his intrepid action were far reaching. The right was mighty and triumphant, and another generation enjoys to-day the blessings of his deeds.

Mr. Sanders was a nominee for delegate to the House of Representatives in 1864, and at other elections, but was defeated. Before the advent of the railroads, the canvass for this office was conducted from camp to camp, hundreds of miles were traveled in wagons or on horseback, and discomforts of all kinds were endured. He was imbued with the fervor of the faithful missionaries of old, and eloquent in declaring his views of the affairs of the country. Although he had been a member of legislative assemblies of the Territory, and the Senate of the United States, and conventions of every grade from the city to the nation, and had written platforms and delivered many speeches, he was lacking in the elements constituting an adroit politician, and was as guileless as a child in controlling the mechanism of American politics. In common parlance, he "called a spade a spade," and uttered his opinions on all questions with moral courage and regardless of the fate of himself or his cause.

The efforts of Mr. Sanders covered a vast range, and all subjects of general interest received his zealous attention. He was conspicuous in societies, ready to debate any measure agitating the people, and never declined from personal considerations a request to address his fellowmen. Upwards of forty years his resonant voice, with a melodious cadence, was heard by delighted audiences in every hamlet in Montana. It might be on Memorial Day, or on the Fourth day of July, at a gathering of army comrades or pioneers, the commencement of a university or the exhibition of a school, a meeting for the location of the capital or the construction of a railway, the laying of the corner stone of a church or Masonic temple, the commemorative rites of an old timer or the Executive of the United States, an assembly of the bar, or a banquet, the miner's court, the justices' court, or the Supreme Court. He was ever earnest, aggressive and independent, and his battle cry in the heat of the combat was "No quarter." In his mind all things were upon the same plane, and he showed the same intense spirit and energy in a ward primary to nominate an alderman, or a national convention to choose a candidate for President of the Republic.

Let us turn a page in the biography of Mr. Sanders and dwell on a trait all, especially students, should emulate. His favorite abode was the library; his reading embraced the best authors of England and America; knowledge was his treasure-house; his memory of everything was marvelous; and his vocabulary was unsurpassed by any person in the State. His style was unique, the meaning of every paragraph was clear, and his ideas and illustrations were clothed in felicitous phrases. He handled the keen weapons of logic with dexterity, but his vehemence carried him to extremes. He studied diligently the meaning of words and the rules of grammar and rhetoric, and the sentences in a letter on a common topic were framed as correctly as a document of the highest concern. In oral arguments and informal talks he sought likewise to be exact in the use of terms and state his propositions with precision. He was not content with his erudition in this regard, but consulted often treatises and lexicons to improve his diction and strengthen his intellectual forces, and the lesson taught by this illustrious exemplar should be remembered. Mr. Sanders was a founder of the Historical Society of Montana, and in thorough sympathy with its objects. In gleaning fields for historic materials, he found everywhere

"Tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones."

and to him each stream and mountain "could a tale unfold" in our

annals. He was a potent actor in transitions upon our soil stranger than fiction. He saw the desert described in his geography at school blossom as the rose, the steel rail follow the trail of the buffalo through the passes in the hills, cities rise where the Indian roamed before the discovery of gold within our boundaries, and this imperial domain develop and shine in the constellation of the States like Orion in the Heavens.

Mr. Sanders was a knight in armor in the cause of public education for the masses, and had sustained official relations to the free schools of Helena and Wesleyan University. To make these institutions efficient and beneficial to youth was a praiseworthy undertaking dictated by his love of humanity.

The last legislative assembly in February, 1905, passed a law delineating upon the map Sanders County, and this proper recognition of his work for the land he had loved so well was universally approved and adorned his crown of honors. And yet I cannot refrain from an allusion to what may be deemed a dismal theme. In moralizing on happiness we have been reminded by writers of the naked sword suspended by a single hair above the head of Damocles at the feast, liable to drop at any instant without warning and inflict death, and the imagination pictures the dreadful emotions of the guest, intent on selfish pleasure, when Dionysius with a rebuke points to the impending danger. But behold the man, passing to and fro in his daily walks afflicted with a mysterious disease, whose fatal progress could not be checked by medical science, and the brain and life itself were threatened with extinction in the twinkling of an eye. During the long era of agony, when his family and friends were in the slough of despond, his heart never quailed, no murmur escaped his lips, a cheerful reponse was given to anxious inquirers, and he continued to devote his time to clientage and variegated avocations. Thus the severe and awful test was applied and in him burned the soul of martyrdom.

"His weary days and nights are past;
The way is rough, the end is peace."

At the Encampment held at Dillon on the twenty-eighth day of March, 1905, our comrade was unanimously elected our Department Commander. His malady enforced his absence and the position sought the man. With the composition of the patriotic order for the observance of Memorial Day, he finished his course. I called upon him at this sad time, and we talked fully of kindred subjects, and I knew that he was thankful when this last work was done. The gift of tongues he had enjoyed so long was almost exhausted, and the burden of composition once so light was then heavy.

“O iron nerve to true occasion true,
O fall’n at length that tower of strength
Which stood four-square to all the winds that blew!
Such was he whom we deplore.”

Our comrade, James Edmund Callaway had a remarkable experience in the army and merits our warmest plaudits. Disclaiming the intention of making invidious comparisons, I confess I do not know of any old soldier in Montana who has a more resplendent reputation. It was a rare occasion when Maj. Callaway, a field officer of troops organized in Illinois, was placed by the general commanding the division in temporary charge of a regiment raised in Indiana. Such an act might excite jealousy, discourage the subalterns and have a tendency to incite insubordination. But he was successful in the face of these unfavorable conditions and commended by his superiors. A magnificent sword, the priceless heirloom which will be handed down from generation to generation of his family, was presented to him by the Indiana regiment. This is one of the few things which wealth cannot buy.

Our comrade was descendant of frontiersmen who were neighbors of Daniel Boone and made clearings in the forests of Kentucky and gained military renown by fighting Indians and the red-coats of England. He often spoke of their difficulties and obstacles in founding homes in that region, but with becoming modesty claimed no glory for himself.

There was one matter, illustrating the independent thinking of Col. Callaway, mentioned by him in conversations and political speeches, and I do not hesitate to bring it to your notice. Slavery existed in the community where he was born and spent his youthful days, and he was descended from slaveholders. The system was defended by the public opinion of his native state, but he disregarded the prejudice in which he was nurtured and was a radical in his anti-slavery views and denounced the flagrant injustice of property in man.

Col. Callaway was fortunate in making the acquaintance in 1861 through his relations to the volunteer service of one, not then in the public eye, but destined to be the greatest chieftain of the pending conflict, Gen. U. S. Grant. His meritorious conduct during the war was rewarded by his appointment to the command of his regiment of which Gen. Grant was the first colonel. His selection for the office of Secretary of the Territory by President Grant was a recognition of his sterling soldierly qualities. This friendship was never severed, and one interview reported by him made an indelible impression upon my memory. President Grant referred in affection-

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ate language to his regiment and called by name and inquired particularly about privates as well as officers. Such is genuine republicanism.

Col. Callaway was a distinguished advocate of statehood and was the author of the Resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly in 1883, providing for the constitutional convention which convened at Helena in 1884. Some of the provisions of the instrument, which were adopted by that body, were incorporated in the present Constitution of the State by the Convention which assembled in 1889. He served in both conventions, and through his ability and knowledge of constitutional law was one of the useful and influential members. The subject of public instruction there and at all times was paramount to every interest and governed his vote. He came to these mountains after the laying of the corner stone of the state by comrade Sanders, and the construction of the frame-work by the pioneers. But he arrived in time to perform stalwart labor upon the main structure and take a prominent part in its completion.

We had long enjoyed the pleasures of friendship, beginning with his residence in Virginia City, and I was pleased to greet him at our last Encampment in Dillon. His heart was in our work, he was surrounded by men whom he revered, and his remarks on various topics were delivered in his best style and received with applause. It seemed as if the animation of his manhood had been restored, his bearing was as manly and courteous as ever, and every one listened eagerly to his words. This is a picture of our comrade I love to portray.

If these services were confined to the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in session in this city, my tribute to my late comrades would be concluded. But it has been deemed proper by the committee on arrangements, and I am convinced by the presence of this audience that these exercises contemplate a broader scope, and I may be permitted to indulge in historic and patriotic reflections inspired by the occasion. Thus far two names have been pronounced, the officials of this organization in 1889 and 1905, but within Montana since our last Encampment sixty-nine of their and our comrades, inscribed on the same roll of honor, departed. One eulogy was heard when the taps sounded: "He was a veteran of the Civil War." No orator can say more; no poet can sing a sweeter song. This order is composed of soldiers and sailors regardless of rank, and the chairs vacated by them can never be filled. Descent cannot qualify anyone to enjoy the privileges of the Grand Army of the Republic, and an amendment to the fundamental articles to obtain

perpetuity would be rejected. Already its days are numbered, and as the seasons come and go some comrades enlist in the ranks of the "silent majority," post after post will be left without a defender, and the sure end can be presaged. Yet another generation of American citizens will be born and see the sole survivor of this appeal to arms. In 1905, Hiram Cronk, the last of the war of 1812, died at the age of 105 years. William Welch, our oldest comrade, is a resident of New Hampshire, and celebrated his 106th birthday on the 29th day of the past month. The youngest survivor of the old guard of the nation has marched by the fiftieth milestone in his yearly rounds.

Let us contemplate the stern realities narrated by the historian, and recall the men who stood shoulder to shoulder in the terrific struggle for supremacy. From 1861 to 1865 they were arrayed in the uniforms of the soldiers and sailors of the Union; they marched and countermarched with the armies of our country; they manned the loyal monitors and floating monsters of the deep; in the earth, upon the seas and above the clouds their faithful work was done; and they shared in the mournful defeat as well as the exulting victory. They were equipped with terrible weapons forged for the destruction of human beings, and their inseparable companions were the sabre and sword, the gun and cannon. Martial music stimulated every nerve to conquer or die, and these melodies were blended with the discords of the exploding shell, the whistling bullet and the "diapason of the cannonade." Amidst the scenes of horror and carnage, upon the deck and the field of battle, they saw types of manhood unawed by death, and patient when racked by every form of agony. During the long, long years of the internecine combat, when the sunbeams of hope were hidden by the black clouds of despair, they lived without homes that our country might endure. Forty-one years ago the hour of triumph came; the last gun was fired; the last ditch was deserted, the banners, whereon the "stars and bars" were emblazoned, were surrendered, and the flag was unfurled in every hamlet of the Republic, and there was no foe who dared to haul it down. The gates of the temple of Janus were closed, and the archangel of peace, as pure and beautiful as any creation of genius, who fled when the bombardment of Fort Sumter sounded its dreadful alarm, returned and alighted in the land of universal freedom.

The volunteers in the military and naval forces were disbanded with the highest honors, and regiments, brigades, divisions and corps, bearing the illustrious name of millions, vanished with "fiery quickness." The heroes of armies and fleets resumed their places

in the manifold industries and assumed the duties of citizenship. The work, desires and purposes of the civilian are repugnant to the tasks, ambition and exploits of the warrior, but no evil or disaster attended this wonderful transformation. The family circle, rudely broken by urgent calls for recruits, was reunited with the return of the husband and father, brother and son. The moral tone of society could not be lowered by the sudden influx of men, who never wished to be soldiers or sailors in the dominions of peace. The comrades, who were to assemble nevermore, wended their way to the uttermost parts of the nation and were absorbed within its vast domain with the tranquility of the ocean, when grand rivers, fed by innumerable springs flow, from the continental heights and mingle with its depths. The records show that there were enrolled at times during the war of the rebellion 2,213,365 persons. The forces that followed the lion hearted Cromwell, and the armies that contended with Great Britain in two wars and overcame Mexico were dissolved, but this event in its magnitude is without a precedent upon the globe.

It is strange that the combatants who repose in sepulchres have been blessed by securing what seems the least of things, a grave. During the campaigns, anxious and weeping eyes read again and again the list of the killed, the wounded and prisoners, but their fate was published, and the sharp axe of sorrow descended swiftly upon its victim. But no search, however diligent, could discover the missing who perished without any rite of burial in the waves, swamps, forests and unknown places and of whom the name alone remains. Hope consoled and deluded the relatives of him whose mystery was not revealed, and days, months and years revolved, but the recesses in the kingdom of death were not opened.

It was a most auspicious epoch in our history when the Constitution was framed and a government was ordained which did not derive its support from the bayonet. A republic, where every voter is a monarch, and the right of suffrage is more powerful than the sceptre of emperors and kings, has been an anomaly among the nations. It is difficult for one who has been nourished by our institutions to comprehend the destructive blight of a standing army for the protection of thrones. It may be admitted there is no evil unmixed with an element of good, but if there is a curse without a benefit to mankind, it is visible in this ominous shape. The army and navy of our country in the reign of peace may be weak, but the people are strong. The best interests of posterity will be promoted if no battle is ever witnessed within our Union. But when the crisis

comes, and war cannot be averted without dishonor, there will issue forth at the call for reinforcements by the President, from the north and the south, the patriotic and invincible volunteers. The Grand Army of the Republic does not stimulate a warlike sentiment, but speaks in thunder tones for peace.

"O peace * * *
Blest be the man divine who gives us thee."

Methinks I see in the vistas of the future, the grandest of old men, who of the millions that defended our cause, is the survivor to tell the tale of sacrifice and patriotism to his countrymen; his infirm frame bends beneath the weight of a century; his hoary head is crowned with laurel by a grateful people; he recites once more the familiar story of his eventful campaigns; and this noble champion of liberty, cheered by the benedictions of one hundred and fifty millions of the sons and daughters of the United States of America, and with his eyes fixed on the stars and stripes, as sacred to him as the cross to the believer, gently passes away.

In seconding the motion to adopt the resolutions, Assistant Adjutant General, Frank P. Sterling, after reviewing the life of Montana's dead statesman and patriot, recited Emerson's poem "Good-bye," the poem which Col. Sanders had recited the Sunday before he died, propped up on his death-bed and looking out of his window across the valley to the north of Helena. Not a dry eye was to be seen in the convention hall as the beautiful lines were read, so almost prophetic were they of the man whom the old veterans were gathered to honor. The poem reads as follows:

GOOD-BYE.

Good-bye, proud world! I'm going home;
Thou art not my friend, and I'm not thine.
Long through the weary crowds I roam;
A river-ark on the ocean brine.
Long have I been tossed like the driven foam;
But now, proud world! I'm going home.

Good-bye to Flattery's fawning face;
To Grandeur with his wise grimace;
To upstart Wealth's averted eye;
To supple Office, low and high;
To crowded halls, to court and street;
To frozen hearts and hasting feet;
To those who go, and those who come;
Good-bye, proud world! I'm going home.

I am going to my own hearth-stone.
Bosomed in yon green hills alone,—
A secret nook in a pleasant land,
Whose groves the frolic fairies planned;
Where arches green, the livelong day,
Echo the blackbird's roundelay.
And vulgar feet have never trod--
A spot that is sacred to thought and God.

O, when I am safe in my sylvan home,
I tread on the pride of Greece and Rome;
And when I am stretched beneath the pines,
Where the evening star so holy shines,
I laugh at the lore and the pride of man,
At the sophist schools and the learned clan;
For what are they all, in their high conceit,
When man in the bush with God may meet?

Continuing, Adjutant Sterling closed his address as follows;

"Again we turn to our fallen heroes, and here today pledge anew our devotion to our common country and the principles for which our comrades died; and to our brave old Department Comrades we say, sleep on, ye fallen ones! No alarm can call you from your rest, no foe can drive you from your lonely bivouac.

Sleep on, until that assembly shall be sounded calling you forth to answer to your names upon the rolls of the Grand Army of the Great Commander above, to form, Eternally, the lines that sever justice and truth, from hate and fear.

Brave old Commanders, faithful pioneers, to each true occasion ever true, farewell, farewell."

Adjutant Sterling was followed by Colonel Mercer, Rev. Donaldson and others, who extolled not only Colonel Sanders and Colonel Callaway, but the others who had passed the great divide during the past twelvemonth.

We are sorry, indeed, that we have not the names of those who so kindly furnished the appropriate and delightful music during these sad Memorial Services.

The services In Memoriam were closed by the audience rising and singing "America," and benediction by Rev. R. M. Donaldson.

In the evening, at 8 o'clock, the Opera House was again filled by Comrades of the Grand Army, members of the Woman's Relief Corps and citizens of Bozeman. The meeting was presided over by Col. W. G. D. Mercer, Commander of William English Post No. 10.

A hearty, eloquent and patriotic address of welcome was made

by Nelson Story, Jr., Mayor of the city of Bozeman. The Commander of the Department and the Assistant Adjutant General have made several efforts to procure from Mayor Story the manuscript of his scholarly address, but without success. We ascribe our failure to the extreme modesty of the youngest mayor in the State of Montana. Nevertheless, the regret is expressed of our inability to print his address in this journal of proceedings.

On behalf of the Grand Army, Department Commander Fisk made the following reply to the address of welcome by Mayor Story:

*Mayor Story, Comrades of William English Post and
Citizens of Bozeman:*

On behalf of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, this day assembled in your thriving, beautiful and hospitable city, I sincerely thank you for these cordial words of greeting. We are very glad, indeed, to meet with you, and are honored and grateful for the welcome so eloquently extended.

We have come from every section of our great Commonwealth to legislate for our beloved organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. Our rapidly decreasing numbers must be perceptible to all of you. When an old soldier, weary and footsore, falls by the wayside, there is no recruit to be secured to muster in in his place. Conditions are, in consequence, constantly changing, and our best endeavors are brought out at these Annual Encampments to foster and guard our Grand Army. And I say to you, also, that we come together to have a good time socially. Next to the Good of the Order, the old soldier can be depended upon to answer the roll call for a good time. Of this fact the citizens of Bozeman will have ample evidence before we leave your city.

Many of us are not strangers to you or your people. We meet here many faces familiar in the early history of the Territory of Montana; in those days when the Indians, availing themselves of the easy grades of that famous pass at your door, now occupied and hourly used by the trains of the Northern Pacific, were your neighbors, and not of the kindly, obliging sort, either. In the eastern part of the State (then Territory) in 1864, I spent considerable time in an humble way in tranquilizing (I guess that is a good word to use) those Sioux savages. Now, how changed is the scene. From a small hamlet you have grown to be one of the favored, enterprising and progressive cities of the State. Your city is noted for its educational advantages, its lovely homes, its attractive environments, its good

and substantial citizenship. We express the hope that your prosperity will continue and increase as the years roll on.

Again, I thank you.

There were many interesting features of the evening's entertainment, and it is to be regretted that the addresses delivered and remarks made cannot all be reported in full. They would certainly make good reading and become valuable in the history of our Order. A most delightful feature was the Flag Drill by sixteen of the beautiful high school girls of Bozeman, under the direction of Mrs. A. J. Edsall. Their efforts elicited the heartiest applause. Truly, there is no section of Montana more patriotic than the citizens of charming Bozeman.

Upon this occasion, however, after the flags had been presented to the High School, Past Department Commander Frank P. Sterling paid the following beautiful tribute to our flag:

"In the one hundred and twenty-nine years since the flag of stripes, with its field of azure blue begemmed with stars, first began to float its colors in the sky above the waves of old ocean and over freedom's soil, what a record has been made by the wonderful nation of liberty that has its being in the galaxy of nations beneath the folds of that ensign.

"It is a banner that has never been finally defeated in a contest; it has never been trailed in the dust; it has never been struck to an enemy to the dismay of the people whose emblem it is; it has grown in glory ever since first it was floated to the breeze, with but thirteen stars thereon.

"The men born beneath that flag of beauty, symmetry and meaning, have carried it through the fire of awful battle to sure victory, and though enshrouded in smoke, and torn by shot and shell, 'Our flag was still there.'

HAS WAVED DEFIANCE.

"It has waved defiance above parapets swept by minie balls; it has gone down into waves flying from the masts of our sunken men-of-war; it has been borne at the heads of flying columns, and supported by gleaming bayonets held in the hands of the sons of the republic, to whom their country's colors were dearer than life or home, or loved ones; it has served as a shroud for its defenders, and their blood has stained it on a thousand gory fields; it has for more than a century been the one banner toward which the enthralled of other nations have looked with eyes of hope; it beckons across the waves to those who would be free, and as its domain expands the glory of the republic it represents expands in equal measure.

GLORIOUS FLAG.

“Glorious flag of stars, emblem of hope, and love, and loyalty, and valor, symbol of liberty, equality and fraternity, Americans greet you again and again, and vow anew that it shall not be taken down until America gives the command, whether it be floating over the islands of the southern seas, or upon the icy slopes of the frigid north. ‘Old Olory’—not old in years, but old in the achievements that have been won beneath it; not old as the ages of the nations are told—Americans pledge anew ‘their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor’ to uphold the principles for which it stands: the policies of liberty, to uplift the fallen, to assist the weak, to enlighten the benighted, to rescue the enslaved and afflicted, and to keep the glories already achieved unsullied and unstained.”

MAXWELL HALL, April 13, 1906.

The Encampment met at 10:00 A. M., pursuant to recess.

On motion of Past Department Commander Blake, it was ordered that the resolutions presented and read at the Memorial Services at the Opera House upon the death of Department Commander Wilbur F. Sanders and Past Department Commander James E. Callaway be adopted and spread upon the minutes of the Encampment.

On motion, it was ordered that the sum of \$15.00 be allowed the Patriotic Instructor for the coming year for expenses of postage and other incidentals.

On motion of Comrade Charles S. Warren, an appropriation of \$25.00 was made to the W. F. Sanders Memorial Fund, and that the certificate therefor be placed with the Historical Society of Montana.

One hour was most pleasantly and profitably spent in verbal reports from Post Commanders and in personal reminiscences of comrades. This was really one of the interesting incidents of the Encampment, and should be encouraged and fostered at future Encampments. From the remarks made it was most gratifying to learn that the Posts of the Department are in such a flourishing condition, and that the greatest interest is being taken by the veterans in attending the meetings of their Posts.

The following reliable data have been carefully compiled by Past Department Commander Henry N. Blake:

ROLL OF HONOR.

Union Soldiers and Sailors who died in Montana between March 30, 1905, when the Twenty-first Encampment adjourned, and April 12, 1906, when the Twenty-second Encampment convened:

Abbott, Theo. F., Soldiers Home.
Archer, Charles, Maiden.
Bloom, Henry C., Soldiers Home.
Bradford, P. Hosea, Helena.
Burton, William, Butte.
Callaway, James E., Virginia City.
Cameron, George W., Thompson.
Chadwick, Darwin J., Missoula.
Comfort, John R., Twin Bridges.
Conlon, Peter, Butte.
Darnutzer, Christian, Blaine.
Dennick, E. N., Butte.
Dorr, Charles O., Pony.
Doud, E. Roy, Butte.
Edwards, Hiram K., Columbia Falls.
Fitch, Elisha J., Soldiers Home.
Frazer, James, Anaconda.
Friend, William C. —
Grodivent, Benjamin, Bozeman.
Gudgell, Robert E. —
Guilbeault, Unzel, Deer Lodge.
Harder, J. N., Castle.
Heffron, Dennis, Anaconda.
Hoaglin, Daniel, Soldiers Home.
Hoge, David, —
Holmes, Charles, Bozeman.
Hood, John A., Butte.
House, Peter, Soldiers Home.
Humphrey, H. J., Butte.
Janes, Benjamin F., Soldiers Home.
Jenkins, John B., Bozeman.
Jenkins, William, Montford.
Jenkins, William W., Kalispell.
Jooster, John L., Rancher.
Joubert, C. E., Glendive.
King, Oliver, Helena.
Lockey, Frederick, Missoula.

Lombard, Charles W., Missoula.
Martin, David, Chinook,
Mashive, Peter, Roberts.
McCulum, George, Livingston.
McDonough, Thomas —
Meadows, William, Sidney.
Metcalf, George W., Livingston.
Miller, John W., Butte.
Miller, Robert R., Livingston.
Mintie, Fergus L. —
Mixer, Henry M., Soldiers Home.
Mounts, Francis M., Fridley.
Murray, Daniel E., Ada.
Nelson, J. R., Bozeman
Otten, Louis, Livingston.
Parmalee, Edward M., Soldiers Home.
Robinson, John, Billings.
Sanders, Wilbur F., Helena.
Schafer, John, Florence.
Schaffer, William, Stevensville.
Schuyver, Joseph, Glendive.
Scoffin, Charles R., Teton County.
Shields, William, —
Shortill, David R., Pine Creek.
Silverthorn, John, Bozeman.
Simpkins, Isham B., Insane Asylum.
Smith, William, 2d, Billings.
Spencer, David C., Great Falls.
Stoker, Andreas, Fort Benton.
Swanson, Andrew, —
Taylor, Henry, Canton.
Thompson, William A., Highwood.
Wilson, Alphonso F. —
Workman, John, Helena.

Compiled by Past Department Commander Henry N. Blake.

The Encampment extended a vote of thanks to Past Department Commander Blake for this report, which was gathered from many sources and represented considerable time in its preparation and compilation, and it was ordered printed in the journal of proceedings.

Upon motion, it was ordered that the election of officers be made the special order for 2.00 o'clock, this day.

At 11:00 a. m. a recess was taken until 1:30 p. m., in order that that Encampment might join the pupils of the public schools of Bozeman in a parade.

The Parade was formed on Main Street, led by the Bozeman Cornet band, and about 500 children each carrying a small American flag joined the "Old Boys" in this parade. Truly, it was inspiring.

1:30 p.m.—Encampment Resumed. After some remarks of interest by several comrades, at 2 o'clock, it was announced that the hour designated having arrived, the Encampment would proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Department Commander Fisk requested Past Department Commander Blake to preside during the election of officers, which he kindly consented to do.

There were three nominations for Department Commander, B. N. Beebe, of Lincoln Post No. 2; E. A. Waterbury, of Geo. G. Meade Post No. 17; and A. J. Fisk, of Wadsworth Post No. 3. Comrade Fisk was elected upon the first ballot.

The following is a list of the officers elected by the Encampment, to serve during the coming year:

Department Commander—A. J. Fisk, of Wadsworth Post No. 3.

Senior Vice-Commander, E. A. Waterbury, of George G. Meade Post No. 16.

Junior Vice-Commander—E. C. Kinney, of Wm. English Post No. 10.

Medical Director—R. M. Whitefoot, of Wm. English Post No. 10

Department Chaplain—John Boyle, of Lincoln Post No. 2.

Council of Administration—R. C. Wallace and J. B. Loomis, of Wadsworth Post No. 3; Henry N. Blake, of Frank Blair Post No. 6; O. E. Lanphier, of Farragut Post No. 7; and J. S. Hinchilwood, of John A. Logan Post No. 27.

Representatives of National Encampment—Orange S. Hinds, at large, of George B. McClellan Post No. 24, and P. H. Tooley, of Farragut Post No. 7.

Alternate Delegates—N. A. Decker, of Wm. English Post No. 10, and W. H. Yeaton, of Farragut Post No. 7.

On motion, it was unanimously ordered that Helena be designated as the next place of meeting of the Annual Encampment, the date of meeting to be fixed by the Department Commander and the Council of Administration.

It was announced that a banquet would be given to the comrades of the Grand Army and the members of the Women's Relief Corps this evening, at Elks' Hall.

A recess was taken until 9:30 o'clock a. m., April 14.

MAXWELL HALL, April 14, 1906.

Encampment resumed at 9:30 A. M., Past Department Commander F. P. Sterling presiding.

A motion was made and carried that the compensation of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General be fixed at the sum of \$75.00 each for the ensuing year, payable quarterly.

On motion the Assistant Quartermaster General was authorized to procure an official bond, and that the expense thereof be borne by the Encampment.

Department Commander-elect A. J. Fisk announced the following appointments: Frank P. Sterling, Assistant Adjutant General; Ed. S. Walker, Assistant Quartermaster General.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The elected and appointed officers, to serve the Department for the ensuing year, were then duly installed by Past Department Commander Henry N. Blake.

The following resolution was introduced by Comrade Waterbury, and, upon motion, it was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Twenty-second Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana, in convention assembled at Bozeman April 12, 13, 14, 1906, that the Legislature of the State of Montana be, and is hereby, requested to make a suitable and ample appropriation to erect and maintain a flagstaff, and to display the flag of America over the State House of the State of Montana, now and henceforth, so long as the State does or may exist.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Legislature and solicit a compliance with this resolution.

The Commander appointed the following comrades as such committee: Henry N. Blake, A. N. Bull and F. C. Gage.

The following preamble and resolution were presented, and the same were unanimously adopted by the Encampment:

To our Comrades and Friends of Bozeman:

The parting has come! Our hearts are full and overflowing with love and gratitude for you and yours. As the pure water in

abundance comes down to you from the snow-capped peaks of your West Gallatin, so you have as lavishly bestowed upon us your affection, care and consideration. We came and we are conquered. God bless you, one and all. Therefore, by the Encampment, be it

Resolved, That our thanks are cordially tendered to the Comrades of William English Post No. 10; to Comrade A. N. Bull and his zealous and untiring committee of arrangements, and to the citizens of Bozeman for their splendid efforts in our behalf. And particularly do we desire to thank Mayor Story for his cordial words of greeting and welcome; to Mrs. A. J. Edsall and her band of young ladies in the Flag Drill; to Miss Lulu Kanagy, who trained the chorus of school children; to Mrs. A. M. Maxiner, who eloquently and with patriotic speech presented the flags to the public schools on behalf of the Women's Relief Corps of Bozeman; to Prof. R. J. Cunningham, who so appropriately responded; to Rev. R. M. Donaldson, Judge F. K. Armstrong and Prof. Hamilton for their addresses, overflowing with words of patriotic devotion to our flag and our country, and to many other ladies and gentlemen who so assiduously labored towards our entertainment.

Henry N. Blake,
Andrew J. Fisk,
Committee.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers of the Department for the creditable and efficient manner in which the affairs of the Department had been conducted during the past year.

On motion it was ordered that the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized and directed to print the proceedings of this Encampment.

The Encampment then adjourned *sine die*.

Circulars and General Orders.

Here follows the General Orders and Circulars issued by the Department Commander during the year.

HELENA, MONTANA, October 4, 1905.

Circular Letter No. 1.

At a meeting of the Council of Administration held at the office of the Assistant Adjutant General on the above date, there were present the following members, viz.: Edward C. Kinney and Jesse Lambert, of Bozeman, and Otis T. Johnson, of Plains.

The following business was transacted, to-wit.: Thomas J. Mains of Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston, was elected Junior Vice-Commander, vice Josephus Rich, and Scott Matthews of William English Post No. 10, Bozeman, member of Council of Administration, vice James E. Callaway, deceased. These comrades will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By command of

ANDREW J. FISK,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

FRANK P. STERLING.
Assistant Adjutant General.

HELENA, MONTANA, November 23, 1905.

Circular Letter No. 2.

The Rules and Regulations, Chapter III, Article II, provide that all Posts shall elect their officers for the ensuing year and Delegates and Alternates to the Department Encampment at the first stated meeting in December. The basis of representation is as follows:

Each Post is entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternate delegates at large, and one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate delegate for each twenty-five (25) members in good standing, or major fraction thereof.

The Assistant Quartermaster General will mail to each Post of the Department a full complement of blanks upon which the semi-annual reports of each Post will be made immediately after the last meeting in December. These blanks should be carefully filled out and forwarded without delay to the Assistant Adjutant General at Helena, Montana, together with the per capita tax for the half year ending December 31, 1905, and made payable to Ed. S. Walker, Assistant Quartermaster General, Helena, Montana.

With confident reliance upon promptness of the several Posts, it is expected that each will respond with a complete report not later than December 31 at the latest, in order that the Department officers may consolidate and forward them to the National Department not later than January 20, 1906.

Assistant Inspectors are to report at the earliest day practicable to Inspector General F. George Heldt, Great Falls, Montana. It is hoped that no officer appointed to perform this duty will fail to discharge it faithfully and promptly report as directed.

By command of

OFFICIAL:

FRANK P. STERLING,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ANDREW J. FISK,
Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Helena, Montana, April 8, 1905.

General Orders, {
No. 1. }

1. The undersigned having been elected Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Montana, and duly installed as such, hereby assumes command of the same.

2. The Headquarters of the Department are hereby established at Helena, where all communications will be addressed to Frank P. Sterling, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

3. Confidently relying on the cheerful assistance of my comrades, let us endeavor to make the year one of increasing interest to the members and added usefulness to the country at large.

W. F. SANDERS,
Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,

Helena, Montana, April 15, 1905.

General Orders, {
No. 2. }

I. At the 21st Annual Encampment, held at Dillon, March 28th and 29th, 1905, the following officers were elected, viz.:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Wilbur F. Sanders..... Helena

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER:

Andrew J. Fisk..... Helena

JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER:

Josephus Rich..... Dillon

CHAPLAIN:

Charles H. Davis..... Anaconda

MEDICAL DIRECTOR:

Levi E. Holmes.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:

Edward C. Kinney..... Bozeman

Jesse Lambert..... Bozeman

Otis F. Johnston..... Plains

Charles B. Newbury..... Missoula

James E. Callaway..... Virginia City

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT:

Charles B. Newbury..... Missoula

ALTERNATE DELEGATE:

James M. Page..... Twin Bridges

II. The following staff appointments are hereby announced, and they will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL:

Frank P. Sterling..... Helena

SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP AND CHIEF OF STAFF:

Martin Maginnis..... Helena

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Ed. S. Walker..... Helena

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:

Everton J. Conger..... Dillon

INSPECTOR GENERAL:

F. George Heldt.....Great Falls

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER:

Francis M. Malone.....Miles City

III. Commanders of Posts will report to these Headquarters the names of two suitable comrades in their respective Posts to be appointed aides-de-camp and assistant inspectors on the staff of the Department Commander.

By order of

W. F. SANDERS,
Department Commander.

FRANK P. STERLING,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Helena, Montana, May 2, 1905.

General Orders, {
No. 3. }

Pursuant to a custom of universal observance and by the direction of the Commander-in-Chief, I request that the various Grand Army Posts in the Department of Montana fittingly observe Tuesday, May 30, 1905, as our Memorial Day.

He further directs that among the ceremonies there shall be recited or read Mr. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; that allied organizations and all patriotic citizens devoted to the welfare of the surviving comrades of our Civil War be invited to participate and help in such services as the various Posts may prescribe; that under the direction of school officials and their teachers the children should be encouraged to take part in the ceremonies of the day; that every school in the nation should be requested to hold a patriotic service before Memorial Day, at which some Comrade, wearing his badge, should be one of the speakers, and that the Comrades of the several Posts in a body should attend on the Sabbath preceding some church service, where, by a previous arrangement, the officiating clergyman shall be requested to prepare a sermon commending to the congregation the virtues of Patriotism.

The conception and creation of Memorial Day was the work of the surviving Comrades of the Civil War, primarily in fulfillment of unnumbered vows to dying Comrades who, on wave and shore had fallen in their country's cause, and was born of a personal affection begotten of mutual perils, impulses, hopes and sacrifices, binding them together as with hooks of steel. The last hours of many a gallant spirit on land and sea were cheered by these kindly tokens of brotherly affection as the glories of this world faded from their view. No more appropriate or fitting ceremony could be inaugurated than that of decorating their graves with the beautiful flowers of spring. So appropriate have been these ceremonies and so profound the public gratitude that their scope has been widened, and all patriotic people conscious of the benignant results to mankind of this tragic history have rejoiced to participate with the Grand Army in making the day illustrious in the annals of mankind.

The universal observance of the day possesses more than a sentimental and retrospective significance. The recognition of high and unselfish deeds, done by generations gone by, gives potency

and force to present struggle and is an incentive to like labor in the future. Civilization is the aggregate result of strenuous toil and generous sacrifice with high aims in noble causes, and the actors who lift and advance her standards receive her meed of praise. Measured by that standard your names are identified inseparably with the greatest event of the Nineteenth Century. Its benignities expand with the lapse of years, have transformed the Republic at home, permeated every Nation and Civilization, and are lifting all kindred and tongues into higher conceptions of Liberty and increasing respect for the rights of Mankind. You brushed aside inherited and fortified barbarisms; lifted from your country the weightiest incubus it had ever known; gave to it a higher companionship, and fitted it for that expanding future which has already placed it in the vanguard of Nations and established for it a prestige which, within the bounds of justice, no Nation may gainsay.

It would be sluggish blood that would not be stirred by your strenuous labors, in contemplation of what you achieved. Verily, you may walk with conscious pride through the land you saved and under the banner you kept in her sky. In the consciousness of heroic sacrifice you may well rejoice and be exceeding glad. You will be cheered by the sympathetic approval and admiration of good men and women wherever you may assemble, who will crave leave to decorate the graves of your fallen comrades and to dedicate and consecrate their names for all time to an immortality of fame. If dirge and elegy and threnody befit the occasion, so also will songs of rejoicing gladness in contemplation of the results achieved.

Considerations like these occurring to you will be an incentive inducing loyal observation of the Grand Army of the Republic's Day of Days, when, with the Women's Relief Corps, the Civic organizations you choose to invite, your neighbors and the strangers within your gates, you recall to later generations the heroic and intrepid virtues of those fallen comrades upon whose faces we shall nevermore gaze.

By order of

W. F. SANDERS,
Department Commander.

Official:

FRANK P. STERLING,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,

Helena, Montana, May 24th, 1905.

General Orders,

No. 4.

Blanks for semi-annual reports will be forwarded by June 1st to the different Posts of this Department for the six months ending June 30th. It is the duty of the Adjutants and Quartermasters to fill out these reports immediately after their last meeting in June, that they may be received at Department Headquarters by July 1st, thus enabling the Department Adjutant and Quartermaster to forward their reports to National Headquarters promptly.

It is the duty of Each Post Commander to see that the Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports are properly made out and signed; also to forward them to Department Headquarters, together with the per capita tax. All drafts or money orders should be made payable to the order of Ed. S. Walker, Assistant Quartermaster General, Helena.

The following appointments are hereby announced on the staff of the Department Commander:

AIDES-DE-CAMP:

James Conkwell.....	Lincoln Post No. 2
Robert Gruner.....	Wadsworth Post No. 3
W. A. Means.....	Custer Post No. 5
S. B. Page.....	Frank Blair Post No. 6
W. G. Blain.....	Steadman Post No. 8
R. M. Whitefoot.....	William English Post No. 10
Pope Catlin.....	Fred Winthrop Post No. 11
James Sparrow.....	George G. Meade Post No. 16
Peter Dorcy.....	George. B. McClellan Post No. 24
J. R. Hory.....	John A. Logan Post No. 27

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS:

Thomas T. Baker.....Lincoln Post No. 2
W. C. Lewis.....Wadsworth Post No. 3
E. L. Dickinson.....Custer Post No. 5
J. B. Howe.....Frank Blair Post No. 6
W. B. Cramer.....Steadman Post No. 8
A. J. Edsall.....William English Post No. 10
Ferd Kennett.....Fred Winthrop Post No. 11
Thadeus C. Davidson.....George G. Meade Post No. 11
N. H. Morley.....George B. McClellan Post No. 25
George T. Lewis..... John A. Logan Post No. 27

By Command of

W. F. SANDERS.

Department Commander.

Official:

FRANK P. STERLING,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,

Helena, Montana, July 11th, 1905.

General Orders,
No. 5.

It becomes my painful duty to proclaim to the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana, the death of our Department Commander, Colonel Wilbur Fisk Sanders, which occurred at his home in this city on Friday, July 7, 1905, at 12:30 p. m. He was buried at Forestvale Cemetery on Monday, July 10. Surrounding our Commander's grave were representatives of nearly every Grand Army Post in the State, and hundreds of Pioneers who came from long distances to pay their last tribute of respect to him with whom they had stood shoulder to shoulder in the dark, troublesome and bloody days of Montana's early history. The beautiful ritual of our order was given at the grave by the Senior Vice-Commander, and when the casket was lowered to its final resting place a salute was fired and taps sounded.

I do not deem it expedient or fitting at this time or in this manner to undertake to give a sketch of the life and services to State and Country of our lamented Chieftain. Able writers of the press, friends and prominent citizens throughout the length and breadth of our Commonwealth, have assigned to him all honor and glory as a foremost citizen, and the historian will ascribe to him in the annals of Montana the attributes of exalted citizenship and usefulness which by his life he so justly merits.

In obedience to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Army of the Republic, as Senior Vice-Commander, I hereby assume the office and duties of Commander of the Department of Montana. There will be no change made in the Staff as appointed by our late Commander.

As a token of respect to the memory of the late Department Commander, I direct that the charters and banners of the Posts in this jurisdiction be draped in mourning for the period of sixty days.

As one by one we gather at the last campfire, and to our ears come the sorrowful melody of "taps," let us reform the line and battle while life lasts for the mighty principles which have been enunciated by deed and in the ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic.

By order of

ANDREW J. FISK,

FRANK P. STERLING,

Department Commander.

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,

Helena, Montana, January 8, 1906.

General Orders,

No. 6.

General Allan C. Bakewell, National Patriotic Instructor, acting upon the recommendation of the Commander of the Department of Montana, and by authority of the Commander-in-Chief, has appointed Comrade Alansen N. Bull (Past Department Commander), of Wm. H. English Post No. 10, Bozeman, Montana, Patriotic Instructor for the Department of Montana, with the rank of Colonel. By virtue of his office, as provided by the National Encampment, Patriotic Instructor Bull becomes a member of the Council of Administration of this Department.

Upon the recommendation of Colonel Bull, the following appointments of Assistant Patriotic Instructors have been made:

R. G. Huston	Lincoln Post No. 2
L. D. Beary	Wadsworth Post No. 3
W. A. Means	Custer Post No. 5
T. P. Cox	Frank Blair Post No. 6
Thomas J. Mains	Farragut Post No. 7
J. F. O'Leary	Steadman Post No. 8
W. G. Mercer	William English Post No. 10
Pope Catlin	Fred Winthrop Post No. 11
James M. Sligh	George G. Meade Post No. 16
W. H. Safford	Sheridan Post No. 18
J. D. Eaton	Nat. Lyons Post No. 23
J. R. Hillman	George B. McClellan Post No. 24
Otis F. Johnston	Jno. A. Logan Post No. 27
James R. Goss	McKinley Post No. 28

By order of

ANDREW J. FISK,

Attest:

Department Commander.

FRANK P. STERLING,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,

Grand Army of the Republic,

Helena, Montana, February 12, 1906.

General Orders,

No. 7.

1. The Twenty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Bozeman on April 12th and 13th, 1906. The Encampment will convene April 12th, at 11 a. m.

2. Headquarters will be closed at Helena on Wednesday, April 11, and opened at the Bozeman Hotel, Bozeman, on Thursday, April 12, at 9 a. m., where all delegates and comrades should report and register.

3. The following Comrades are hereby appointed as a Committee on Credentials: J. P. Stephens, Lincoln Post No 2; F. P. Sterling, Wadsworth Post No. 3; E. C. Kinney, Wm. H. English Post No. 10. They will meet at headquarters at 10 a. m. April 12

4. The Council of Administration will meet at headquarters at 9:30 a. m., April 12, to examine and audit the books and records of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, and to transact any other Department business.

5. The Commander of Wm. English Post No. 10 will detail Comrades to act as Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard and Sentinel during the session of the Encampment, and who will report for duty to the Assistant Adjutant General at 9:30 a. m., April 12.

6. I am assured that the railroads will make a rate of one and one-third fare for the Comrades, members of the Women's Relief Corps, and others attending the Encampment, based upon an attendance of fifty. The following instructions must be strictly observed: Persons attending the Encampment should purchase from the starting point one-way tickets, not more than three days prior to the opening of the Encampment (Sundays not included) and take a "ticket receipt." This receipt must be presented to the Assistant Quartermaster General for his signature before it is delivered to the local agent at Bozeman for the return ticket at one-third fare.

Claims to reduced return fare will be forfeited by a failure to comply with these rules.

7. The question of reduced rates at the Bozeman Hotel, as well as other accommodations for the visiting Comrades, will be looked after by a committee from Wm. H. English Post No. 10.

8. I take this occasion to urge the Posts throughout the Department to send as full delegations as possible to the Encampment, and hope that as many Comrades as can spare the time and are able to do so, will take this occasion to once more rally around the old flag and join with us at the campfire. Let this gathering of the "old boys" in the beautiful valley city of Bozeman be made memorable in the history of the Department.

By command of

ANDREW J. FISK,

Official:

Department Commander.

FRANK P. STERLING,

Assistant Adjutant General.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, 1906.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

ANDREW J. FISK Helena

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER:

A. E. WATERBURY Anaconda

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

E. C. KINNEY Bozeman

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